

immediately ahead of us. I have often wondered if the Department and the Churches are really contributing to the development of Indian character by constantly distributing to Indians, particularly young able-bodied Indians, food, clothing, etc., without at the same time asking the Indian to give something in return.

I should like to discuss with you or someone representing your Society the whole question of clothing distribution by your organization. I notice from the list submitted that clothing has been sent to certain bands of Indians that have at this date substantial band funds, at least band funds to enable them to make contributions to the Red Cross, and I have been wondering if it is wise to send clothing to such reserves while the need on other reserves is so pressing and so urgent. In addition to this, we have been making, from here, distributions of discarded Military clothing. This week we shall distribute 3½ tons of clothing from the Armouries at London, Ontario. It is highly desirable that there should be no duplication of effort in any phase of our welfare work.

I shall be glad to have any comments you may care to offer with respect to this matter, at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

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