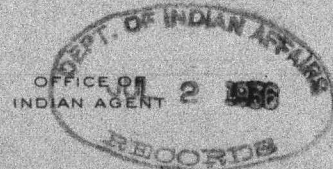


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The Department of Indian Affairs,
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Mr. A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

Dear Sir:-

Our Old Home Week starts the 27th. of July. I have built four Birch Wigwams on the Island opposite the Steam Boat Decks. This Bark I brought in my car a distance of eighty miles. Four Families will occupy these camps this summer to interest the Tourists in buying Indian made goods. They are ready now and July 1st. I will move them to the Island. I am providing them with 100 Pine pillows to sell at 60cts. for which I paid 40cts. for. I have imported 100 Lbs. of Chinese grass for making fancy Baskets and this venture cost \$19.39 I will let them have 5 Lbs. at a time make them pay me \$1.00 in this way I will try to get my money back. They are making a lot of small souvenir goods now for the sale and I am negotiating for some poplar wood for which I shall send in vouchers for later. As I have written about the Moccasins business in a former letter I have been thinking that the men under my care need footwear badly. I have bought tanned native Moose hides for \$4.50 per side which makes 5 or six pairs ~~for~~ Would it not be a good scheme to give them enough leather to make ~~black~~ brown footwear. This is much better than any kind of shoes we can buy. and half the cost. My whole scheme is to encourage them to help to provide for themselves. I know that I am letting myself in for a lot but I like them and take pleasure in helping. Please let me know what you think about the whole affair.

Tourist

Yours truly,

G. L. Cann

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