254038-44A CCOU Ottawa, 13th May, 1918.

sir:-

Replying to your favour of the 11th instant, I beg to inform you that it will not be possible for the Department at this time to carry out the suggestions made by Mr. McKenzie.

The Department will therefore accept your offer to furnish three cances, tents and equipment etc. at Hudson ready for the party to leave on the morning of the 14th June. You may also make provision to have twelve Indians on hand with whom no doubt arrangements satisfactory not only to the Indians but also to the Department as well as to the Company can be made for the return trip to Fort Hope.

Would you kindly instruct your manager at Lac Seul to have suitable supply of provisions on hand to ration the Indians for this trip.

Regarding the latter part of the trip from Fort Hope on, the Department will leave it with the Paying Officer to make the best arrangements possible.

Your obedient servant.

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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