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OTTAWA, 16th February, 1906-

Sir-

I beg to inform you that applications have been made for lease of the portion of the Blackfoot Reserve South of the Bow River, for grazing purposes, and I have to ask you to be good enough to take the matter up and submit propositions to the Indians and let them decide as to which they prefer, or an alternative one.

The applications submitted are as follows;-  
The Conrad Circle Cattle Company for a lease for a term of ten years at a rental of \$6,000.00 per annum, payable semi-annually, the Company to fence the whole area granted them with a substantial fence, consisting of eight feet Cedar Posts and four strands of barbed wire, which is to revert to and become the property of the Department at expiration of lease.

J.R. Hallum, of Macleod, Alberta, asks for lease on the following terms;

1. To have the exclusive privileges for the period of ten years of that portion of the Blackfoot Indian Reserve, South of the Bow River.
2. The Department and applicant each to have the privilege of cancelling the lease after two years' notice, such notice to date from the end of the fiscal year.
3. Exclusive grazing privileges to mean that no other cattle, horses, stock &c., are to be permitted to run on the leased area, except those belonging to applicant and no hay to be cut by others. Applicant to fence the three sides of the area, other than the River side and the fence to belong to the Department at the end of the term.

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