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Ottawa, September 17, 1913.

Sir, -

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant in reference to the purchase of sewing machines for Annie Sioux and Louise Taylor Wasicunna, two ex-pupils of the Brandon Industrial School, who were recently married to Indians in your agency.

In reply I beg to say that, in view of the fact that these young people have homes of their own and are in other ways worthy of assistance, the Department will grant to each of them a sewing machine and you may purchase two Singers No. 15, \$25.35 each.

With regard to this assistance I beg to say that the Department does not give sewing machines or any definite assistance to all honourably discharged pupils, but each case is dealt with on its merits. For example, had these girls and their husbands not been reported to be industrious and had they not had houses of their own the Department would not have made the grant.

Your obedient servant,

  
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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