

All responsibility is devolved on the Contractor, who delivers his full load and is responsible for any deficiency.

The use of the empty teams on the return journey is obtained to move the sick or wounded or light baggage of men coming from the front.

The teams are at all times available and can be taken off the contract to move with troops or in any work that the Commanding Officer may consider of paramount importance.

The contract can be at any time terminated by giving the contractor ten (10) days' notice, which practically means that he ceases to load goods as soon as notice is given, merely continuing till he has delivered those actually on road.

J. WIMBURN LAURIE,

Major-General,

Commanding Base and Lines of Communication.

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From Lieutenant R. W. Leonard to Major-General Laurie :

WINNIPEG, 13th July, 1885.

Sir,—I have the honor to report that, in accordance with your orders, I proceeded to Saskatoon to adjust the claims of settlers against the hospital, and arrived there on June 19th. I found it impossible to make out the claims fully until the wounded were all removed and the hospital closed—hence the delay. The claims of the settlers were all fairly reasonable, and there was no difficulty in making a satisfactory settlement. The hospital was closed on July 3rd. In accordance with orders from Deputy Surgeon-General Roddick, I disposed of all stores remaining as part payment of claims. After disposing of the surplus stores, we found that the claims for supplies advanced and work done in service of the hospital, aggregated about four thousand dollars (\$4,000).

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. W. LEONARD.