

July and on the 8th, 19th and 26th September. From five to seven pounds were issued upon each date. Widow Gregoire, who has one orphan to support, was supplied on the 4th, 11th and 18th July and on the 8th and 29th August; also on the 5th and 19th September, with from five to eight pounds of pork. Magloire Regis, Tom Jourdain, Joe Astor, Widow O'Shogan, Widow Thelie Macapide, and other Indians received extravagant issues of pork. Exception is taken to all of the issues referred to. The account is returned for examination by you and for your report thereon. You should discontinue in the future all indiscriminate issues of relief to Indians. The funds at the disposal of the Department will not permit of accounts such as that referred to being paid and it seems strange, in view of the many times that the Department has told you of the necessity of curtailing the expenditure, that you should have allowed issues such as referred to to be made. It is the Department's policy to teach the Indians, even the poorest, that whenever possible they are to provide for themselves, and that only the old, sick, or disabled, will receive relief. In cases of old age, or infirmity, the Department is prepared to provide a small amount of assistance, but the able-bodied Indians must support themselves and their families..

I also return for your explanations the account of \$139.00 which you have submitted for relief supplies, the amount of which account it appears you paid to Mr. Tremblay for meat, as the Indians whose names you mentioned were furnished with provisions by Mr. Vigneault. You should state why meat was issued to them upon your order by Mr. Tremblay.

I also return the account of \$160.07 in your favor for relief supplies. It is not apparent that authority was granted for this large expenditure and an explanation is desired with regard to the issue in large quantities of milk, meat, butter, sugar and potatoes. Apparently all the persons mentioned

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