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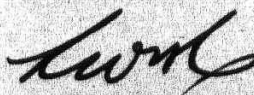
Col. A.G.B. Lewis,
Indian Agent,
Hobbema, Alta.

Indian Indebtedness Statement
July, 1943.

The Statement of Indian Indebtedness submitted with your cash book returns for the month of July, 1943, shows an amount of \$34.00 deducted from the Collectible Debts as at July 31 with the following notation, - "Written off by Auditor May 20th, 1943, \$34.00".

I wrote the auditor for an explanation of this deduction, advising that there was no authority for the writing off of debts. In the reply received from the auditor he advised that the amount of \$34.00, as far as he could learn, was originally charged to an Indian in error and that in trying to balance the debt ledgers the individual item could not be located. If the amount should never have been charged as a debt, then the explanation covering the deduction from the Collectible Debts should have read "Less amount charged in error", and should have indicated the Indian to whom the amount had been charged.

As the June 1943 debt statement submitted by you was apparently in balance, it would appear to be necessary for you to check your Debt Ledger records and definitely advise if the original charge was in error; if not, the amount should be re-charged as a debt.



L.W. McCutcheon
Chief Treasury Officer.

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