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Ottawa, 25th June, 1914.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the account which you submitted from Mr. J. E. Cooke, of Winchester, for relief supplies, to the value of \$ 43.50, furnished to David Isaac Peter, a St. Regis Indian, and with reference thereto I beg to point out that when the Department wrote you on the 14th November, and authorized expenditure on this man's behalf it was stated that only such articles as can be classed as actual necessities should be supplied. It was also explicitly stated that the Department will not pay for luxuries. In the account submitted there are charges for Butter, eggs, cheese, tomatoes, corn, peas, pickles, chickens, oranges, etc. All of these articles come under the head of luxuries and should not be furnished in the way of relief. The Department desires to be informed whether Mr. Cooke was told by you that necessities only should be supplied to the Indian.

I have also to point out that the account as (which is enclosed herewith) rendered does not show the quantity of any article supplied. It should be rendered so as to show the actual quantity of each article furnished. With regard to the charges for bread the Department wishes to know whether the Indian or some of his family could not have made bread if flour had been supplied. The expenditure, on the whole, is considered extravagant.

When

Mr. N. W. Beach,

Winchester, Ont.

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