

EXD.
Ottawa, August 16, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Loveys:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of the 2nd instant and also a statement of shipping charges, amounting to \$381.45, sent forward therewith.

I regret to state that it was not possible to include in the estimates of this year an amount sufficient to meet these charges. I have learned, however, from a study of the files here, that it has been the practice of the Department for a number of years to pay shipping charges on clothing sent out by your Society to missionaries on Indian reserves throughout the Dominion. Such charges were also paid by the Government in the case of certain parcels of clothing sent forward to Anglican residential schools by the Woman's Missionary Society of that Church. However, our right to pay these charges in connection with the Anglican Church was sharply challenged a few months ago, with the result that the claim of the Anglican Church for reimbursement at that time was not recognized by the Government.

It is my intention, in view of the practice that has prevailed for a number of years, to submit these shipping bills to the Treasury Division, in the hope that they can be paid this year at least, out of the regular item set apart for transportation costs on welfare supplies sent out from time to time to Indian reserves. I am not in a position to state at the moment just what the attitude of the Treasury may be, but I do know that there is not even a remote chance of the Government paying these charges in the years that lie

immediately -

RMH
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