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Ottawa, 19th February, 1912.

Sir:-

The Department is in receipt of a letter dated the 9th instant, copy of which is enclosed herewith from Mr. Northwick with which he submitted beef vouchers for payment and in which he points out that it is very difficult to procure yearling heifers to replace cattle killed by Indians. The Department desires a full report and recommendation from you in this connection as the point raised by Mr. Northwick requires serious consideration. To agree to Mr. Northwick's suggestion in this matter might lead, it is thought, to the depletion of the herds. How can the herds be kept up to the standard number if animals killed are not replaced? Do you consider that the natural increase will suffice? Because Mr. Northwick finds difficulty in purchasing yearling heifers is not considered a sufficient reason why the rule regarding the purchase of heifers to replace animals killed, should be relaxed. If he cannot procure the necessary animals, it would seem that other arrangements to that end may possibly have to be made. Kindly give this matter your earliest and most careful attention.

Your obedient servant,

  
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