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Ottawa 29th September 1902-

Sir-

With reference to that part of your letter of the 17th Instant, reporting that the Bands of Indian on the Rainy River, who claim the Wild Lands Reserve, desire information as to the amount Messrs Hughes and Long paid for burnt timber which they took from this Reserve a year ago last Winter, and also as to when they will receive the interest accruing therefrom, together with what was received from the Canadian Northern Railway, I beg to inform you that the amount received to date from both sources is \$1083.02 and the interest accrued thereon will not be payable until next year.

As the amount will be small, it would be preferable to apply it towards purchasing something useful for the Band, such as implements &c., rather than to distribute such a small sum to each member, as would be necessary, if divided equally among them.

I have to request your attention in future to the rule that only one subject should be dealt with in each communication.

The neglect of this rule causes considerable additional labour and loss of time in the Department.

Your obedient servant

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