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Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Feb. 16, 1910

SIR,—

I have the honour to request that for convenience of reference by the Department when preparing its introductory review of Indian matters during the year, you will be kind enough to transmit with your annual report, but not to form part thereof, a very brief recapitulation showing the average condition throughout the agency as a whole (not on individual reserves) of the following matters referred to in said report, viz. :—

Health.—State whether good or bad on the whole, and the nature of unusual or epidemic disease, if any.

*** Character of Seasons.**—Whether favourable or otherwise for seeding or planting, growth and maturing of crops, whether harvest abundant or not, and whether products secured in good condition. Distinguish between root and grain crops.

*** Haying Season.**—Whether favourable or otherwise, whether a sufficient supply secured, whether winter season long or short, element or severe and how live stock wintered.

Fishing.—Whether good or poor season for both commercial and domestic purposes.

Hunting and Trapping.—Whether game and fur animals scarce or plentiful and whether good prices secured for pelts.

Morality.—Whether improvement or retrogression, particularly as to temperance. Mention any unusual and serious crime, if any.

Birth-rate.—Whether it has exceeded or fallen short of the death-rate.

Buildings.—What, if any, improvements.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN,
Secretary.

* The seeding, harvesting and haying seasons referred to are those within the calendar year 1909; the winter is that of 1909-10.