

Department at Ottawa.

In reply I beg to say that the system of granting credits in the North West Territories, which obtained some years ago, was found to be productive of so much confusion in the accounts and to be such a serious obstacle to their being promptly closed at the end of the fiscal year, that, at the instance of the Finance Department and with the entire concurrence of this Department, it was almost entirely abandoned, and that no good reason for resuming it is apparent. The establishment of a credit, e.g. in favor of Mr. August Mitchell at Victoria would not, by reason of his giving a cheque in exchange for a voucher, enable the trader in whose favor the

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