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Ottawa, 18th March, 1919.

Very Rev. Sir:-

I beg to say that Mr. J.F. Smith, Indian Agent at Kamloops, has forwarded to the Department an account of \$1353.00 from the Shulus Hospital for care and treatment of Indians from October 30th to December 17th consequent upon the influenza epidemic; and ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ in the light of what the Agent has reported in the matter, the Department is at a loss to understand why the said account has been presented.

It has been learned that owing to the epidemic Mr. Smith made arrangements for the equipment of three temporary hospitals in which to care for Indian patients, viz., at the schoolhouse, the Anglican Church and the Roman Catholic Church. It appears that the Department paid entirely for the equipment of these hospitals and provided more than half of the facilities for accommodating the patients who were admitted to the Shulus Hospital building. It also appears that the Department furnished doctors, paid all the nurses and other help, also paid for fuel, provisions and medicines and the cleansing and fumigating of the buildings after they were closed as well as for the laundering of linen used by the nurses and other help. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Mr. Smith has pointed out that the account now submitted calls for payment at the rate of \$1.00 per diem for every patient admitted to the four buildings (one being the Government school house which was equipped by the Department and another the Roman Catholic Church). It has also been stated that at least two thirds of the patients were treated in the outside buildings, while the Shulus Hospital building was ^{practically} reserved for the nurses.

Yours faithfully,
 Hon. E.W. Pugh, M.A.,
 Archbishop of Elyton,
 Elyton, B.C.

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