



DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

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Ottawa, January 29, 1925.

Dear Sir,-

In the administration of Indian Affairs one of the most important problems confronting the Department is the repression of intemperance among Indians on the Reserves. In view of the peculiar character of the duties of Indian Agents and particularly, moreover, as they are frequently obliged to act in a magisterial capacity, it is essential that they should themselves be above reproach and that they should observe the strictest propriety in their personal conduct in every respect. So serious is the view taken by the Department with regard to this subject that any well-founded reports of inebriety will result in immediate suspension and probable dismissal.

It should be understood that this letter is intended for the advice and guidance of all Indian Agents and that no personal application is intended.

Yours very truly,

Duncan Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.