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Confidential Circular.
Sir,

Office of the
Indian Commissioner,
North-West Territories,
Regina, 27th October, 1886.

I have the honor to invite your attention to the fact that, in issuing rations to the Indians, the practice of allowing such quantities, as are intended only for an older growth, to young children, and even to infants, has been too prevalent.

The result of this practice must, necessarily, be to mislead and show a deceptive result on the face of the returns.

To obviate this, you are requested, in future, to adopt a scale, by which not more than half the quantities of provisions given to those over ten years, may be issued to those under that age; and the scale should be made apparent on the face of every ration-ticket where such occur.

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Should it be necessary, in order to equalize the average issue, reduced by the adoption of this principle, to somewhat increase the rate of provision for adults, such a course will still be preferable to one from which only a false impression can be gained.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Indian Agent,
Peace Hills,
Dollbrook P.O.
Via Calgary/
Alba.

Hayte Reed
Asst. Commissioner.