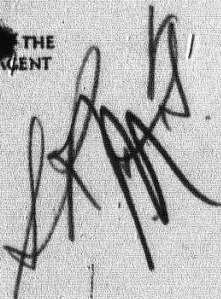


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Mr. D. J. Allan, Supt. Reserves & Trusts.

Referring to your letter of Nov. 24th, File 55-117 with reference to lands in the Valley River Indian Reserve leased to white people.

There have been several parcels of lands on this reserve leased to whites for several years without formal leases. You will recall that I advised the Secretary of this some months ago, and you answered the letter advising how the matter should be dealt with. It appears that an outbreak of mange some ten years ago wiped out most of the horses on the reserve just in the spring of the year and they have never had sufficient horses to farm the land since. Now some of them have secured horses but are short of necessary implements, and others are still short of horses, to operate their holdings. One or two of the Indians are unable to do the work themselves if they did have the horses and equipment.

Since receiving your letter of September 18th I have not had much time to get all the necessary particulars covering each parcel of land in question, but in cases where the land will have to be operated by the whites next year, applications will be forwarded during the winter so that formal leases may be prepared and executed.

This last year there has been considerable work available for Indians such as bush work in the winter and work for the farmers in the district, haying, harvesting and threshing. This year they got \$5.00 a day stooking and as high as \$6.00 a day threshing. The high wages and ready cash appeal to the Indian more than farming on his own. In fact we had some this year that went off to work for the whites and left their own bit of crop uncut. As long.....

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