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Ottawa, 10th April, 1906.

Sir,--

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 23rd ultimo addressed to the Minister, in which you make charges against Indian Agent Neil of having sold meat to the Clayoquot industrial school and the Ahousat boarding school.

Subsection 1 of Section 134 of the Indian Act reads as follows,--

"No official or employee connected with the inside or inside service of the Department of Indian Affairs, and no missionary in the employ of any religious denomination, or otherwise employed in mission work among Indians, and no school teacher on an Indian reserve, shall, without the special license, in writing, of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, which license he may at any time revoke, trade with any Indian, or sell to him, directly or indirectly, any goods or supplies, cattle or other animals."

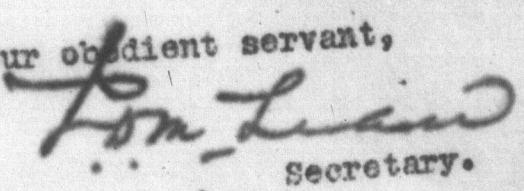
Supt. Vowell having taken the matter up with Mr. Neil, the Agent states that he has been most careful to observe this section of the Act, and that he has never sold anything to Indians directly or indirectly, and points out that the Principals of the schools to whom the meat was sold, are white men.

I am to state, therefore, that in view of the facts submitted, there appears to be no reason for further investigation.

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Your obedient servant,


Secretary.

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