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Hudson's Bay Company.

Fur Trade Commissioner's Office

Montreal, April, 30th 1918

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO NO 15-99

Sir:-

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

Referring to Mr. Awrey's call yesterday, I beg to state that I have received advice from Mr. J. D. MacKenzie that he can make arrangements for twelve Indians to be ready at Hudsom on the 14th of June. The wages will probably be \$3.00 per day for the head guide, \$2.50 for five Bowsmen and steersmen and \$2.25 for six middlemen. He states that the wages will depend largely on the rates being offered by the Government Railway for extra gangs.

The rent of tents and equipment, including three special canoes, will be \$7.00 per day.

As arranged with Mr. Awrey, he is to make his own arrangements with the Indians as far as wages and rations are concerned, and on their return each man is to be given an order on the Hudson's Bay Company, specifying the amount due him, which will be a matter for arrangement between Mr. Awrey and the men, so that there will be no dispute in connection with wages due for extra time taken on the trip home.

I understand that Mr. Awrey will make the best arrangements he can en route for the different stages of his trip.

I have written Mr. Wilson, stating that the party will be ready to leave Albany about the 10th of August, so that if convenient the "Inenew" will be there at that date to take them. I have also informed Mr. Wilson that if the party is taken on board the "Inenew" on one of her regular trips the members are only to be charged regular fare.

Regarding a charge from Martens Falls to Albany mentioned in the schedule accompanying my letter No. 1590, I would state that the high rate is probably due to the fact that the party have to be sent down on a special boat, as it will not be necessary this year for a boat to go down to Albany to bring up freight, as all freight is going in

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