

In reply I beg to inform you that Reports in regard to both of these matters are at present before the Honorable the Privy Council.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

L. VANKOUGHNET,
Deputy Superintendent-General Indian Affairs.

J. LORNE McDUGALL, Esq.,
Auditor-General.

OTTAWA, March 1, 1882.

Indian Consolidated Fund.

SIR,—I would beg to call your attention to voucher No. 332, subsection 15, vote 163, for the expenses of E. McColl, for camp equipage and travelling expenses, in which the following charges appear:—

Provisions to self, from 23rd May to 21st October, inclusive, 152 days, at \$2 - - - -	\$304 00
Provisions to sundry canoemen and other atten- dants, amounting in all to 546 days, at \$1 -	546 00
Provisions to Alex. Campbell, canoeman, and assistant, 88 days, at \$1.50 - - - -	132 00
	\$982 00

The allowance as authorized by Order in Council of
19th July, 1880, should be:—

152 days, Agent at \$1.50 - - - - -	\$228 00
634 " Employees at 75c. - - - - -	475 50
	708 50
Overcharge - - - - -	\$278 50

The charges for medicine, &c., for Wm. Prince and R. Gowdison, amounting to \$5.75, should be deducted from the wages of these men.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

L. VANKOUGHNET, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs.

J. L. McDUGALL,
Auditor-General.

OTTAWA, March 30, 1882.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 1st instant, I have the honor to inform you that, while the rates, as quoted therein, of allowances to Superintendents and Agents and other employès of this Department, in the Province of Manitoba and District of Keewatin, over and above actual moving expenses when travelling on duty, are correct, yet it is submitted that the rates do not apply in any sense to the case of Mr. E. McColl, Inspector of Indian Agencies, for the following reasons, viz.:—

1st. Mr. McColl is neither a Superintendent nor an Agent, and he cannot be considered to belong to that other class of employees for whom a daily ration of seventy-five cents was provided by Order in Council.

2nd. Superintendents and Agents, when required to move from their fixed residence, do not go beyond the comparatively narrow limit of their Superintendency or Agency, and for any journey which they are called upon to perform within such limit, they can easily provide for themselves and attendants rations at the rates provided for in the Order in Council.

3rd. The case is very different as regards the journeys performed by Mr. McColl, covering, as they do, thousands of miles travelled without intermission during at least five months of the year. Mr. McColl's last journey, for instance, commenced with the opening of navigation in May, and ended on the setting in of winter in October. It would be manifestly impossible to provide at starting a sufficient