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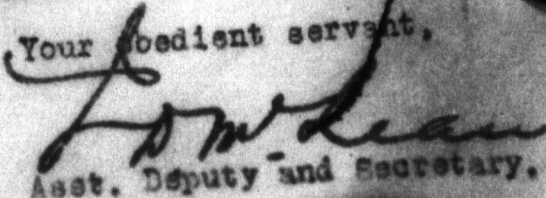
WITH CHEQUES.

Sir,-

In consequence of the report received from Inspector Ty relative to the award of Garden Competition prizes to Indians of your Agency; I beg to transmit herewith cheques Nos. 2865 to 2870 in favour of the successful competitors, five of whom belong to Metlakatla, three to Aiyanish, three to Gwincha and three to Kialolith.

The result of the Garden Competition cannot be regarded altogether satisfactory. It is observed from your report to the Inspector, copy of which he submitted to the Department, that certain of the Indians of your Agency who made gardens were absent from home fishing at the season of the year when their gardens required the greatest attention. The Department does not expect the Indians to neglect their fishing work in order to grow vegetable fruit, but desires that so far as is possible they shall do good work in their gardens. It would seem that an impression prevailed that it is necessary to hold an exhibit of vegetables and fruit at the local school or some other convenient place. The Indians' gardens should be visited and the prizes awarded before the vegetables and fruit are garnered. It is desired that you and those persons who assist you in connection with the garden work shall do all that is possible during the present year to interest the Indians generally in the Garden Competition and it is felt that it is an important matter to train them to raise vegetables and fruits by so doing they will not only increase their food supplies but provide themselves with more wholesome diet.

Your obedient servant,


Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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