

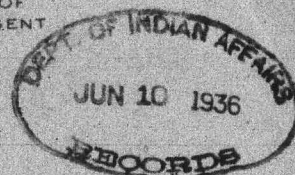
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The Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

Mr. A. P. MacKenzie,  
Secretary.

Dear Sir:-

Not long ago I found a man who gathers Moose hides and tans them. I bought a side of this stock and took it to Bear River Reserve and had an Indian make up five pairs of Moccasins. I paid \$5.00 for the stock and gave the Indian \$1.00 per. pair to make them. I placed them in a local shoe store to be sold to the Tourists. I now have an order now for 24 pairs of these shoes, at \$2.00 per. pair. I knew that in a large quantity they can be produced for \$1.50 per. pair. If I had the time I could do a great many things for these People to help maintain themselves. I find they have a lot of talent and can produce many things of value if they had someone to lead them.

I have got all of them to work now making souvenir goods for old Home Week, and not only my Indians, but the Indians from two other Agencies. I have permission from their Agents to do this. Right here I wish to thank you for the Donation of \$50.00 to be used to build an encampment.

I intend to parade the Indians and have made arrangements for four Floats. My scheme is to bring them before the strangers, then when they offer their Wares, they have a good chance to make sales. If I was a man of Means I would close my business out and help the Indians along. The Majority are ready and willing to follow out my suggestions.

Yours truly,

*S. J. Conn*

Agent.

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