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Ottawa, September 16, 1920.

Sir,-

The Department has received a letter from Mrs. E. P. Gibson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Rural Municipality of Lakeview, Langruth, Man., containing a resolution passed at a recent meeting of the Council, which reads as follows :-

"As it appears to this Council that dogs owned by Indians living on Sandy Bay Reserve, have done damage to sheep owned by John Thordarson of Langruth, a farmer living near above reserve, this Council is of the opinion that the Department of Indian Affairs should recompense Mr. Thordarson for this damage. The amount of damage claimed by Mr. Thordarson is \$220.00. Further, that a copy of this motion be communicated to the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs at Ottawa.
Carried."

It would appear to be necessary to do something to control this nuisance on this reserve. As you will recollect, the reserves in the Manitowapah Agency were exempted from the application of the dog tax.

In view of the circumstances as referred to in this resolution, the Department would like to know whether you think it would be advisable to enforce the bylaws on this particular reserve. I may say that several years ago Mr. Inspector Jackson brought up the question of damage done by dogs on this reserve, which would tend to show that there is need for some action.

Your obedient servant,

A. Ogletree, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Portage la Prairie, Man.

[Signature]
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.