

Ottawa 2nd December, 1909.

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I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst. and the  
which you forwarded Voucher No 2488 amounting to \$30.00  
for the burial by Messrs Horn and Taylor of the deceased,  
Eagle Lake Band and in reply I have to state that the same  
states that the service covers "death" and "burial" and is  
altogether satisfactory, as it is not specified. It would have  
shown the charge for coffin, etc. in detail.

Your letter of the 25th November was received and I enclose an account of \$10.00 in this case in favour of the good Oblate Fathers, who also were charged. The receipt contains a charge of \$5.00 for ground, and the Italian priest a charge of \$4.00 for digging of grave. You have stated that the only notice of this account and do not come from the Italian priest. The Government wishes to be informed whether the receipt for the account covered the cost of digging grave. If it did not, it would see that the charge made by the Oblate Fathers for the work is legitimate, and if it is found to be legitimate, the burial plot the charge for grave would not be in order. The amount of \$10.00 is returned. You should be able to get the return, and report the facts, and if necessary submit a certified voucher for digging <sup>of</sup> grave, etc. At the same time I say that it is thought that \$30.00 should be allowed as cost in the case.

Your obedient servant.

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Indian Agent,  
Kenora, Ont.

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