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Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter #23114-3, dated the 21st inst, re road work performed on the Pasqua Reserve, I beg to report that five large dams were built. These dams were very necessary owing to the shortage of water and will be of great assistance to the Indians farming this year.

Two miles of low lying land on the main road from Muscow to the Agency was graded to make it passable, and the approaches to the large dam on this road were regraded and widened out.

The work was all performed by the Indians, 38 men being employed and the work was very well done. There is a big improvement on the road, as before being graded it was practically impassable in the spring.

A meeting of the Band was called by the Indians themselves and it was decided to fix up the roads on the reserve as a relief measure, Owing to the lateness of the season, and to the fact that the work was to be paid for from their own Band funds, I considered it safe for them to commence work while awaiting authority for the expenditure.

Meanwhile I went to hospital on the 14th November, and did not receive a letter from the Department in regard to this until about the 26th inst.

I regret this work was started before authority was received from the Department, but if the work had not been done, the Indians would no doubt have been asking for direct relief for clothing, as well as provisions, at the beginning of the winter.

Your obedient servant,

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Frank Booth,  
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The Secretary,  
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