Ottawa, 7th April 1909.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 4th instant written at Lac du Bonnet, relative to an outbreak of glanders among the horses on the Bort Alexander Reserve. I beg to state that you should confer with Dr. McGilliva. Inspector of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, on the subject, and take such steps as he may advise to prevent the spread of the disease among the Indians and state out among the horses. It is possible that he may send one of his veterinary surgeons to Fort Alexander to investigate and take the necessary action. You will please co-operate with him and render him all the assistance in your power, and if he thinks it advisable that yourself and Dr Steep should accompany the Inspector you will arrange to meet his wishes.

According to the provisions of the inimal Contagious Disease Act when animals are condemned and killed by order of the Inspectors because of glanders the Department of Agriculture allows the owners two-thirds of the value of the animals, based upon the Inspectors valuation. You will please see that the valuation is a fair one and take steps to recover from the Department of Ahriculture the two-thirds thereof to which the Indians may be entitive

Your obedient servant,

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Indian Agent

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