

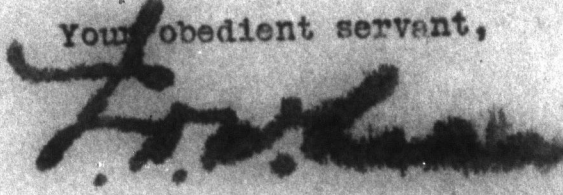
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Ottawa, 25th March, 1920.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th instant with which you submitted a voucher amounting to \$65.43 in favour of Messrs. Porter & Co. of Elk Lake for supplies furnished to Mrs. John White who was ill and in destitute circumstances; and in reply I beg to draw attention to the fact that as a rule relief supplies should consist of necessary ^{such} only such as flour, meat, oatmeal etc. During illness a little tea and sugar or ^{such} articles of food as are recommended by the Doctor in attendance on the case may be supplied, but luxuries should not be provided. It is observed that in the case above mentioned there is a charge of tobacco. It is not understood why a sick woman would require this article. There are a number of charges for bread. As a rule Indians should bake their own bread. You are expected to guard against unnecessary articles being issued in the way of relief. The voucher above mentioned has been paid.

Your obedient servant,



G.P. Cockburn Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sturgeon Falls, Ont.

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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