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Ottawa 23rd June, 1903.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 11th instant, I beg to inform you that you may forward a certified voucher for the surplus bacon (309 lbs) which you received. The Contractors for 1903-4, the Hudson's Bay Co., will be asked to make a corresponding reduction in the November delivery of bacon, as it is not too late to cancel the July delivery. This is the only way in which the Department can pay for the surplus quantity delivered to you by the Palmerston Pork Packing Co. You should have reported the delivery of the surplus quantity of bacon to the Indian Agent, and asked <sup>for</sup> instructions in the matter.

As to the bacon which you state you paid the Hudson's Bay Co. for last year the Department has no knowledge of this, as that company had not the contract to supply bacon. Please report who ordered it to be supplied to you.

With reference to the shortage in flour which the Agent has called upon you to make good, viz: one sack, I beg to say that you should explain why you paid the freighter Victor Armstrong for freighting twenty sacks if he only delivered 19. You seem to have had the ready in your own hands. If Armstrong delivered one sack short of the correct number the cost of the same should have been charged to him. The Department desires to receive further explanations from you in this matter.

Your obedient servant.

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