

Ottawa, December 12th., 1925.

Sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 9th ultimo, relative to the duplicate annuity payments made in 1924 and also in 1925 to a number of Indians of Chief Big Foot's Band of Sicannie Indians, I beg to enclose herewith a statement showing the names of the parties paid both at Fort St. John and Fort Nelson. You will observe from the statement that the following Indians should make refunds, viz:-

No.	11	Should refund	\$30.00	overpaid in	1924
"	12	"	"	"	"
		and	\$25.00	"	"
"	25	Should refund	\$25.00	overpaid in	1924.
"	26	Should refund	\$30.00	overpaid in	1924.
"	35	"	"	"	"
"	36	"	"	"	"
"	23	"	"	"	1925.

With regard to No. 9, as stated in Department's letter of the 30th October last, he has refunded to Mr. Agent Harris the overpayment made in 1924.

In order to obtain these refunds it will be your duty to withhold payment of annuities to any of the above who may present themselves at the next annuity payments and to forward the money to the Department. No payments should be made to any of the Sicannie Indians unless they present themselves in person for their money. It is considered necessary to adopt this system to guard against further overpayments being made. You should also make clear to those Indians that wherever they receive their annuities next year they will have to continue to go there, as their names will be struck off the other pay-list. Similar instructions will be sent to Mr. Agent Harris, of the Fort Simpson Agency.

With regard to Nos. 39 and 40 further enquiries should be made to ascertain their names and numbers and it might be advisable for you to communicate with Mr. Agent Harris on the subject.

Your obedient servant,

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