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OFFICE OF THE

Indian Commissioner,

North-West Territories,

Regina, 4th October, 1886

There is a difference of opinion as to the best time for sowing, one stating that it should be sown in August, and another in September; but the information received from the Department is, that it should be sown just before the ice takes in the Fall, we shall therefore leave you to use your own judgment in the matter.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that we have shipped, per C. P. R. freight, charges paid, to Calgary, 3 bags of wild rice seed weighing gross 129 lbs.

It will be advisable that you should have some of the seed sown this Fall, reserving a small portion of it, for sowing, next Spring; and a portion for sowing in the Fall of 1887, in order that it may be thoroughly tested.

It should be sown on the margins of good soft living water, (not stagnant pools), low points or flats, along streams or bays in large lakes with good water, which are sometimes inundated, are suitable places.

The cost of this seed is \$2⁵⁰ per bushel of 60 lbs. at Portage.

If duly received, in good order, kindly send receipts to this Office, in triplicate.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,
H. J. H. H.
Asst. Commissioner.

Indian Agent,
Peace Hills
via Calgary.