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Dear Sir:-

In reply to your request for a report as to how Indian Agent Brown has been conducting the affairs of his Agency, I beg to say that from what little I have seen of him and his work during the course of my recent tour through part of the Okanagan Agency it appeared to me that he has had a poor conception of what the duties of an Indian Agent are. In only two of the charges contained in the long list made by Mr. Christie that had any foundation in fact, viz:- the eleventh wherein it was alleged that Alexander Chillihetse had been prostituting a young girl and the twelfth that money had been paid to Chillihetse for the Canadian Northern Railway Company's right-of-way, he not being entitled to the same, there is no doubt that if these matters had been attended to at the time the complaints would not have arisen. In connection with the eleventh charge it certainly was the duty of the Agent to have the matter promptly investigated at the time it was brought forward and if there was sufficient evidence to show that the girl was as young as was claimed Chillihetse should have been prosecuted. With regards to the twelfth charge, I think Brown was grievously at fault for not notifying the Department at the time as to what status Chillihetse had on the reserve before he paid him the money for the Canadian Northern right-of-way. There was ample time to do this for the reason that Chillihetse did not at first accept the cheque when it was tendered and considerable time elapsed before it was finally taken

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