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(both inclusive) of the Indian Act provide for penalties for violation of the Indian Act. Sections 135 to 146 (both inclusive) deal particularly with the liquor traffic.

In the event of any matter arising which may necessitate the employment of a lawyer, it will be necessary for you, before seeking legal advice or assistance, to communicate the facts to the Department.

Once a year you should prepare a report for publication in the Annual Report of the Department. It should cover and include a reference to all matters of interest between the 1st of April of one year and the 31st of March of the next year upon which latter date the Dominion fiscal year closes.

It will be your duty to visit the individual holdings of the Indians and to take note of everything connected therewith, advising them and giving them practical instructions in respect to the cultivation of their land &c.

Where the nature of the land permits, the Department is in favour of the Indians engaging in farming, stock-raising, etc., as a means of obtaining a livelihood. At any rate it is thought that in most cases they should be encouraged to lay out and cultivate gardens in which they can grow corn, potatoes, turnips and other vegetables for their own consumption. Those of them who engage in the cultivation of the soil should have enough seed each year to plant their lands the following Spring; and should you find that any such Indian is not likely to follow your advice, you should endeavour to have him hand over to you for safe keeping such quantity as he may require for the next Spring.

In whatever occupations the Indians are engaged, they should be encouraged in habits of industry.

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