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OFFICE OF THE

INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES.

LAKE MANITOBA INSPECTORATE.

Stonewall, Man., July 20th 1918.

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Sir,

On the 30th of May/1917 I wrote you with reference to getting the hay cut on Fisher Island in the Fairford Reserve, and your answer was contained in your letter No. 94400, of date the 6th of June 1917. For various reasons and principally the shortage of supplies, the Indians were unable to cut the hay. After receiving your letter No. 94400 I went up to Fairford, submitted your letter, and am sending you a copy of the resolution that was signed at that meeting.

On July 10th, I received a letter from the Rev. Thos. Ferrier telling me of the shortage of hay in his part of Manitoba and asking me to let him know if I could get him 2 or 300 tons of hay. After the receipt of his letter I went up to Fairford, got the Chief and Alex Letandre and spent the day in going over to Fisher Island, and looking over the hay, and I should judge that there is at least 500 tons on this Island which has an area of 898 acres. I walked about four miles on the Island and three miles was through hay. In the evening of July 15th, I held a meeting of the band and it was decided to let Mr Ferrier have 200 ton of hay put up in the stack on Fisher Island for \$ 3.00 a ton, \$ 150.00 to be advanced by him so that the band could buy provisions. The Balance, \$ 450.00, is to be paid when all the hay is in stack. They have also agreed to bale the 200 tons and put it on the cars for \$ 5.00 a ton. This amount to be paid by Mr Ferrier as each car of hay reaches Brandon.

On my return from Fairford I went to Brandon and though Mr Ferrier was away arranged with his farmer to accept the proposition, and he will leave for Fairford about July 23rd with two teams of