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Dear Mr. Dewdney.

With reference to your note of the 1st instant, and the extract enclosed therein from a letter addressed by Dr Stewart at Duck Lake, to Mr Macdowell M. P. asking to be informed whether there is any chance of getting an appointment as Physician to the Indian Department at that point, in connection with which application you instruct me to let you know what I think about the same, I beg to inform you

that our present arrangement with Dr Stewart is that he shall attend the Indians of the Duck Lake and Carlton Agencies, when called upon to do so, at \$12.50 per diem exclusive of medicines, he to provide, of course, his own transport.

I have thought over the matter of making his appointment a permanent one, and I consider that probably it would be advisable, in the sanitary interests of the Indians to do so. I think that some such arrangement as the following might be made with Dr Stewart, namely: that he should pay a quarterly visit to

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 each Reserve in the Carlton
 and Duck Lake Agencies: I con-
 sider that the utmost time that
 he would consume in paying
 these quarterly visits would be
 fifteen days, and, at the present
 rate of remuneration received
 by Mr Stewart, this would
 amount to \$187.50 per quarter
 or \$450 ⁰⁰ per annum. I think,
 however, that, in the event of our
 making this permanent arrange-
 ment with him, he should lower
 his price; and it seems to me
 that \$400 ⁰⁰ per annum for a
 quarterly visit to the several
 Reserves should be sufficient.

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 Possibly it would not take
 him the fifteen days to go all
 round them; but, assuming
 that it would, he would be
 receiving at the rate of \$11.65
 per day, and of course if he
 could do it in a shorter time
 his pay ^{per day} would be all the
 larger proportionately.

Yours Sincerely,

H. Van Hook

Hon. E. D. Curtis,

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 Indian Affairs