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Indian Industrial School,

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Pratt, R. H.,

Captain 10th Cav'y. Supt.

Forwarding letter  
to Mr. H. M. Hail-  
man, Supt of  
Indian Schools.

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Department of the Interior,  
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Nov. 18th, 1897.

Dr. W.N. Hailman,  
Supt. Indian Schools,  
Washington, D.C.

Through the Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Sir:

Replying to circular letter dated Nov. 8th, covering the matter of rations for Indian Schools, I have to respectfully advise you that the present ration, supplemented by our farm products, is satisfactory, and I trust there will be no modifications which would lessen the quantity.

At the time the present ration was established, we were using the Army ration which gave us larger rations, particularly in the items of beef, flour, coffee and sugar, and we did not appear to find that ration larger than was necessary. However, since the new ration, by pressing the farm a little, we have gotten on very well. The supply is generally good and sufficiently flexible. A change that could be made with advantage would be to let us have plenty of green fruit in the autumn instead of dried fruit, and with our farming facilities greater, I should endeavor to produce poultry, eggs, milk, butter and vegetables in much larger quantities, and do away with part of the meat diet. This, however, does not seem practicable at present.

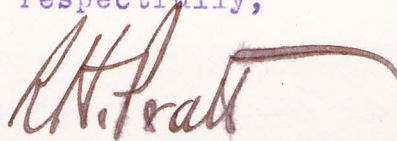
In regard to the subject in general, my observation is that



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the greatest lack throughout the Service is in the preparation of the food. At too many of the schools the cooking is unpardonably poor. I have visited schools within the last four years where the cooking was so bad as to lead me to feel at the time that if I were an Indian boy or girl and had to submit to it, I would fly to the camps. Good wholesome food in sufficient variety can be served within the limit of the present supplies if proper thought and skill is given in its preparation.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read "R.H. Pratt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Capt. 10th Cav'y., Supt.

(Dictated) Mc