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about subsistence
supplies for pupils.

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., July 2d, 1898.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I wish to enter a protest against the allowance table of food for this school made by your circular of May 4th, 1898.

It will be a growing question whether we can carry our work properly and maintain a subordinate spirit in the school on this new and reduced allowance. Our children are all nearly mature, and most of them growing, and at that stage in human life when appetite is vigorous and large.

For many years here I had the Army ration as the allowance, and protested when that was cut down, and have had to meet unpleasant complaints from time to time because of its insufficiency. This further attempt to crowd us will lead to much greater discontent, if not open rebellion, and is the worst kind of policy.

The Army allowance of fresh beef and mutton is 125 pounds per 100 rations, or in lieu thereof, pork or bacon 75 pounds, or in lieu of that 137 pounds of salt beef. The allowance of flour is 112 pounds, or in lieu thereof hard

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bread 100 pounds, or corn meal 125 pounds. The vegetable components are 15 pounds of beans to 100 rations, or in lieu 15 pounds of peas or 10 pounds of rice or 10 pounds of hominy. The allowance of potatoes is 100 pounds per 100 rations, or in lieu thereof there may be issued 80 pounds of potatoes and 20 pounds of onions. There are other allowances, one of which gives canned fresh vegetables. The allowance of coffee per 100 rations 10 pounds of green or 8 pounds roasted, or 2 pounds of tea may be issued in place of coffee. The sugar ration is 15 pounds to the 100 rations. There are other minor allowances that need not be mentioned. The issue to the Army has this difference. The issue becomes the absolute property of the Command, Company, or Detachment, whatever it may be, and the Command has the right to sell and turn into a fund to purchase other rations or to exchange for other articles. The allowance by the Indian Department has never been construed by me in that way. We have only endeavored to feed to the measure of proper contentment, and by using our farm products we were able to get along. Everything not used by the pupils is continued as on hand, and never sold or turned into anything else. During the summer time we are working our students every day, some of them at harvesting and like heavy work, under an intense summer sun,

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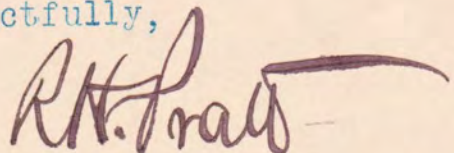
or in a hot laundry, and many of them because of their youth demand more than an average adult for their proper physical protection and support.

The recent ration table proved especially deficient in the allowance of sugar and syrup, the addition to the sugar in the new table is an improvement. Just why a non-reservation school should be curtailed 3 pounds per 100 rations in sugar and one half gallon per 100 rations in syrup below the reservation school I am unable to understand. In view of these facts, I request to be allowed to continue the ration we have been using, with the increase to 15 pounds of sugar and 1 1-2 gallons of syrup using only to the limit of any allowance when necessary.

We have not been able to make full use of rhubarb and other healthful articles, including oatmeal, owing to the deficiency in sweetening material.

The flour and meat ration, should not, under any circumstances, be reduced for this school.

Very respectfully,



Capt. 10th Cav'y, Supt.