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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. *Sept 3* 189*8*

Pratt, R. H.,

Captain 10th Cav'y, Supt.

Relatives to sole leather
asked for on annual
estimate for current
fiscal year

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Sept. 3rd, 1898.

To the Honorable,

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

Sir:

On my annual estimate for the current fiscal year, I asked for "3000 pounds of Leather, sole, oak, twenty pound sides." I have received 3000 pounds of Leather, sole, oak, invoiced by J.D. Neilson, Chicago, which average nearly 28 pounds to the side, and some of which weigh as much as 33 pounds.

These sides work to a very great loss to us, because, while the weight is there, the surface is not. A 29 or 30 pound side by actual showing does not contain nearly as much surface as 23 pounds sides, which I bought in open market a few months ago from Mr. Rife, a tanner at Middletown, Pa. When soaked for use it sponges up to an unusual degree, and that part of it has to be shaved off making the waste extraordinary.

Very respectfully,


Major 1st Cav'y., Supt.

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Major Jas. G. W. Smith.

(Signed) G. H. Smith.

Very respectfully,

State of the earliest possible moment.

You will hasten your work of inspection, and return to Car-

roll but extending down at the line on your memorandum book.

Whether receipts are placed herewith for all articles you exceed of

Keep a careful memorandum of all your expenses, and take up

Ticket to Chicago and return is furnished you herewith.

For, and what we expect to see.

to 50 pounds to the side. This is what we want, what we have asked

estimated value for 3000 pounds of harness leather, sold, and is

which under our estimate for supplies for the current year. Our

to inspect the harness leather proposed to be delivered to this

reports to Mr. Spooner, Supr. of the enterprise at Fort Snare Street,

Chicago, you will come the time trials and proceed to Chicago and

Harnessmaster.

Garrison, Pa., Sept. 2nd, 1898.

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE

Department of the Interior,

(Copy)

Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Sept. 2nd, 1898.

George W. Kemp,

Harnessmaker.

Sir:

Complying with verbal instructions of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, you will take the first train and proceed to Chicago and report to Mr. Spooner, Supt. of the warehouse at 1602 State Street, to inspect the harness leather proposed to be delivered to this school under our estimate for supplies for the current year. Our estimate calls for 3000 pounds of harness leather, sole, oak, 15 to 20 pounds to the side. This is what we want, what we have asked for, and what we expect to get.

Ticket to Chicago and return is furnished you herewith. Keep a careful memorandum of all your expenses, and take sub voucher receipts on blanks herewith for all amounts you expend of \$1.00 and over; for sums less than \$1.00 you need not take receipts, but put expenditure down at the time on your memorandum book.

You will hasten your work of inspection, and return to Carlisle at the earliest possible moment.

Very respectfully,

(signed) R.H. Pratt,

Major 1st Cav'y, Supt.

(Dictated) Mc