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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE  
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL  
CARLISLE, PENNA.

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Dec. 30, 1905.

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

Sir:

Referring to Office Circular No. 128 (Education), dated November 16th, requesting that a report be submitted at the close of the present calendar year showing cost of our employees' mess, you are advised that a fixed price for board at such mess of \$2.50 per week has prevailed for several years at this school and that an examination of the club's bills and accounts shows that the average cost for the year is about that figure. During the past two or three months, however, the average rate has been slightly more owing to the high price of meats and supplies. By exercising care and discretion in the purchase of supplies and the selection of articles for the bill of fare it is expected that the club rate will be maintained at \$2.50 per week.

Transients are charged 25 cents for dinner, 15 cents for breakfast and 20 cents for lunch. If three meals are taken by a guest in one day, that is, breakfast, lunch and dinner, the price is 15 cents per meal.

In the copy of circular sent us the word after the word "furnishing" in question 3 cannot be deciphered. If the same relates to guests you are advised that we have two furnished guest rooms in which transients may be provided with quarters at any time.

Very respectfully,

*W. A. Mercer*  
Major 11th Cavalry, Supt.

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