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"PAYMENT."

Authority has been granted for the annual spring payment in the sum of \$101,521.92. The payment being made pursuant to the Act of February 20, 1904 (33 Stat. L. 50), and April 30, 1908 (35 Stat. L. 83). Each Indian man woman and child of the Red Lake tribe will receive approximately \$68.00.

In a letter of March 20, 1915, addressed to the Superintendent, Assistant Commissioner Meritt states in part:

"In this connection you are urged to do everything in your power to influence the Indians to use the money paid to them to as great an extent as is possible in connection with their farming and other industrial activities."

The Agency office force are working over time in order to get quarterly accounts adjusted and the annuity roll prepared so that the payment may be made at the earliest practical date.

The last Act above mentioned provides that the payment must be made in April of each year. The result of the law has been that the payments, which under the law cannot be paid until April or until after March 31st of each year, have usually been made in the later part of April and extending well into May. Instead of being a benefit to the annuitant, along farming activities, it has had a counter effect. Spring opens here about April 20th to May 10th. Frost is out of the ground sufficiently to permit spring plowing. But, payment and spring plowing "won't mix." It has been tried time after time without success. Many of the Indians realize this, and some of the thoughtful ones have urged earlier payment that the excitement and unrest due to the anticipation of the money may subside before the time arrives for spring work. This argument has also been presented by the old Indians and professional "Council" members of the tribe.

To the end that you may be tried and the true intentions and honest desire of each able bodied members of the tribe really be made known the Agency office force is willing to work nights—not for the first time by any means—that this payment be made with as little delay as possible. It will then be up to those who have made this an excuse for lack of crops to make good.

PAYMENT HINTS.

When you get your check go pay your bills; and the balance if any, use in some useful purchase.

Put the pool halls, lemonade stands, shooting galleries, etc., out of business, by spending your money for something.

Note the Red Lines in this issue and don't set yourself up as a fool.

You can buy a good hand garden cultivator for from \$2.50 up to \$16.00.

\$4.00 will pay some Indian neighbor,

who has a team, to plow and harrow one acre of ground. You need not be without a garden at least.

\$15.00 will buy twelve hens and a rooster of almost any breed of chickens. This payment ask the Farmers or call at the office and get some one to help you make a selection and send for them.

Don't forget to save enough money with which to purchase seeds. A good garden ought to furnish over half of your living the entire year.

\$35.00 will buy you a registered brood sow. The Agency office can give you information where to get them.

\$12.00 will buy a 12 inch breaking plow. Why not buy one this payment? you ought to break up more land.

Buy a good garden rake. Maybe you need a shovel, hoe, axe, hammer, hatchet, or some other useful article needed about the farm. This payment would be a good time to buy cheap for cash.

Many men drawing monthly salaries exceeding your per capita payment refrain from smoking cigars for the reason that they can't afford it.

Indian hunters use snares to catch Wah-boose (rabbits), there are many snares set to catch the Indian's money, these snares come to you in the shape of pool halls, shooting galleries, moving picture shows, cheap jewelry, automobile rides, drawing schemes, and numerous other attractions to get your money. DON'T BE A FOOL.

Pay your honest debts this payment; then resolve to keep out of debt as long as you can. The credit system has been the curse of many people. It may be likened unto an abnoxious weed that gets into our fields and saps the vitality of the soil and destroys the crops. So debt heaps upon us a burden, bringing discouragement and destroying our energy.

"The farming season is at hand." Every Indian farmer should be at work preparing ground for the season's crops. When you get your payment ask the local traders to give you their best cash prices. Then figure whether you can spend \$5.00 or \$10.00 driving to Bemidji or Clearbrook or some other distant place in order to save 25 cents.

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