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MS W2/2078-2 – Work agreement for George Budby

[This is a standard printed form (items in bold in this transcript) which has been completed in pen and ink (the latter in regular text in this transcript).

'THE ABORIGINALS PROTECTION AND RESTRICTION OF THE

SALE OF OPIUM ACTS, 1897 TO 1901."

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made this Twenty Second

day of August, 1906, between John Shannon

of Saltbush

(hereinafter called the Employer) of the one part, and George Budby

of Saltbush, * Aboriginal

(hereinafter called the Employee), of the other part. Whereby the said Employee agrees to serve the said Employer as Stockman, and otherwise make himself generally useful, and obey all the reasonable commands of the said Employer for the period of Twelve months, commencing on the Twenty second day of August 1906.

In consideration of which services the said Employer agrees to pay ⁺ to the Officer in Charge of Police St. Lawrence wages at the rate of 10/1 per week , payable Quarterly and to provide the said Employee with the following accommodation, namely:--

Suitable shelter, blankets, rations (including tobacco), clothing, and maintenance during sickness, and to return the said Employee to his native place on the expiration of the period of this Agreement at the expense of the said Employer.

And it is further agreed that this Agreement may be determined by the said Employee forthwith upon the happening of any of the following events:-- Ill-treatment by the said Employer, or failure by the said Employer to provide the proper accommodation hereinbefore set out, and it may also be determined forthwith by the said Employer if the said Employee deserts from the service or refuses to obey the lawful commands of the said Employer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have affixed their Signatures the day and year first above mentioned.

J Shannon PER J J Shannon **Employer**

his George____+___ Budby **Employee.** mark

The above Agreement was explained in my presence to the said Employee, who appeared to me to understand the same, and was then signed by him by affixing his mark thereto, and by the said Employer in my presence.

H. Coffey ... Const No. 692

* "An Aboriginal" or "Female Half-caste."

⁺ "The said Employee." or to "a Protector or Police Officer at , or other responsible person appointed by a Protector in that behalf," as agent for the said Employee.

J.P. or Member of the Police Force