

It is necessary that a severe example be made of those councillors to prevent a repetition of those daring outrages. With regard to the memorial of the white settlers to the Right Honorable the Superintendent-General, complaining of deprecations committed on their properties by some members of Yellow Quill's band, living at the Indian gardens, I have the honor to submit that, after thoroughly investigating into those grievances, I am convinced that, although somewhat exaggerated, they were not without foundation, notwithstanding that only one case was proven, that of the chief's son stealing hay from Mr. Sturton. A number of counter complaints were made by the Indians against the settlers, whom they allege were annoying and threatening them in order to drive them from their possessions, and they ask the Government to have compassion on them and prevent any one from molesting them in future.

Rousseau River Bands.

The payments were made for the last couple of years to those Indians by Mr. Wright of the Indian Office, Winnipeg. The usual amount of information is given with reference to the changes on the pay-sheets caused by births, marriages, deaths, desertions from or accessions to the bands. It is unaccountable that only about a dozen of the one hundred and fifty families belonging to those bands, according to the pay-sheets, are cultivating or residing on the reserve. There are only a few families ever seen in the neighborhood excepting during payments of annuities, when they appear in numerous bands, coming to the reserve in every direction. I am very suspicious of those mysterious characters who only annually put in an appearance to draw annuities, and would suggest that they be compelled to remain a certain portion of the year on the reserve, so as to enable the Agent to identify them, and also to be required to give a satisfactory account of themselves during their absence, before they receive payments in future. These remarks equally apply to the nomadic bands at Broken Head River and at Swan Lake. There is no progress in farming on the Rousseau River Reserve, only a few small patches of land being under cultivation. It is being constantly deruded of its timber. The Indians sold last summer between thirty and forty cords of wood to the steamer *Cheyenne*. It would be well hereafter that the date of payments be changed so as to enable the Agent to attend to them himself, in order to ascertain whether any of the Swan Lake Indians are also drawing payments here or not. Chief Nanawanan and a number of his followers are living at the rapids, eighteen miles up the river. They have made considerable improvements there, having nine houses and five stables and large gardens which they claim were cultivated before treaty was made with them.

I think if the Department would furnish every band with a book, properly ruled and headed, for keeping an account of all supplies received by the different bands, and to whom distributed by them, it would enable the chiefs and councillors to keep trace of everything received, and to put a stop to a great amount of wrangling among them. It affords me much pleasure to recommend that the following meritorious teachers be awarded the different prizes to which they are entitled according to the regulations of the Department, viz.: the first prize (\$100) to the Rev. Mr. Cochrane, teacher of the Lower St. Peter's school; the second (\$80) to Miss Lyness, teacher at Fisher River; the third prize (\$60) to Rev. Father Dupont, teacher at Fort Alexander; the fourth prize (\$40) to Miss Budd, teacher at the Pas; and the fifth prize (\$20) to Mr. Anderson, teacher at Fairford.

In consequence of the indisposition of Mr. Indian Superintendent Graham, the business of his office chiefly devolve upon his clerks, Messrs. Leveque and Wright, who have attended faithfully to the various duties imposed upon them, the former copying most of the correspondence, assisting in checking Indian pay-sheets, checking and fying school returns, and prosecuting Indians intoxicated in Winnipeg or St. Boniface, besides making payments to the St. Peter's, Broken Head, Fort Alexander, and Black River bands of Indians; and the latter drafting most of the letters, checking accounts, keeping books of accounts, assisting in checking Indian pay-sheets, purchasing fuel for office, provisions for destitute Indians, and school furnishings,