

greatly retarded progress, as weeds would wind up on the propeller of the engine. As we had a whole day to make forty miles, we camped on the banks of Canoe River about 25 miles from Canoe Lake Reserve. We reached Canoe Lake Reserve on Sunday the 21st June.

CANOE LAKE BAND. On Monday June 22nd I paid this Band. This band of Indians are Crees, and number 118, an increase of 4. Reserve No. 165 is situated on the east shore of Canoe Lake. This is the reserve proper where the Indians dwell, and contains an area of 6155 acres. On the west shore is a timber reserve, 165A, containing 2935 acres and north of Canoe Lake on the Wepooskow River a hay reserve has been surveyed containing an area of 537 acres and is numbered 165B. Thus the total area of surveyed reserve for this band is 9,627 acres. I walked over the settled portion of the reserve looking at the gardens. I would judge about four or five acres have been broken up and had been planted with potatoes and small seeds. The potatoes were doing well, but the small seeds were suffering from want of water. The reserve along the Lake shore is heavily timbered with poplar, some spruce, birch and willow. The land is good, but making a garden entails a lot of hard work, cutting down timber and digging up the roots. These people were in fairly good health, very few being treated by the doctor. Chief Iron states that fur-bearing animals are not so numerous now as they used to be.

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