

"F" Division.  
Northern Sask. District.

Hudson's Bay Sub. District.  
Port Nelson Detachment.

## Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Ref. No. ....

Port Nelson, Manitoba.

August 17th, 1923

The Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs.  
Ottawa, Ont.,  
Through:-  
The Officer Commanding,  
"F" Division. R.C.M. Police.  
Prince Albert Sask.,

Sir:-

I have the honour to report that I paid Treaty at York Factory on July 20th & 21st, 1923, the Band with the exception of No. 120 Peter Jimmy and a few families at Severn which I paid whilst taking Census there were present.

The topic for the discussion this year were the usual ones namely a Treaty Doctor and Destitute Supplies. Another topic came up that of the Government sending in a Trader, this I pointed out to them the Government did not do, usually a trader lost money on account of the system which prevails of giving Indians Debt, I also mentioned a trader was free to come or go as he wished.

The discussion re Destitute supplies went to great length, and to sum up the whole of it, it amounted to this that they wanted no more and no less than they were getting, this I promised to obtain for them.

The Hospital was now spoken of by the chief, this question I believe was put before you by Corpl. Campbell last year, this I pointed out to them.

This year the fur hunt was not very successful, there appears to be a certain amount of co-operation among the members of this band of looking after their widows and orphans. Deer & Moose have not been plentiful, but sufficient to prevent suffering by starvation.

Ptarmigan were more abundant than last year, although not to any great extent.

Ducks & geese were plentiful in the Spring. The natives securing ~~the~~ <sup>some</sup> of them occasionally enough to live on. Fish have been very scarce all over, and to no degree has there been any cause to say otherwise, the Indians complained greatly of this and that is to be understood, it is one of their chief means of supply in the early summer.

On my return from Fort Churchill on August 12th, the Band had commenced to return to the hunting grounds.

I beg to request that a Doctor be sent in for this Band next year, it will then be three years since a Doctor was in to see them.

The health of the Band generally is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sergt. R.C.M.P.  
Acting Indian Agent.