

## No. 10.—LITTLE FORKS, RAINY RIVER.

These were not prepared to sow wheat, as they were short of food during the spring and were unable to procure fencing, which they intend doing, also to sow wheat and barley next season.

The seven bands who have their reserves along Rainy River, have excellent land, and several acres on each reserve are ready for the plough; were they more industrious, and would abandon their old customs of dancing and feasting, they could produce enough grain to keep themselves and families, instead of being obliged to sit out on the lakes and fish during severe weather.

## No. 18.—RAINY LAKE.

These Indians have part of their reserve in the bay, above Little Rapids, and although the land on the lake is good, only one family has planted a few potatoes and corn in this part of the reserve. I am sorry to say that they have not made any improvement since my last report. The half-breeds who receive annuities are paid with this band, but I am sorry to say that they have not enlarged their fields. The half-breeds and Indians got 27 bushels of potatoes for seed.

## No. 17.—NAICATCHEEWENANG, N. W. BAY, RAINY LAKE.

Only part of this band plant on the reserve, the others plant corn and potatoes in their old gardens. Three families have commenced to build on the reserve.

## No. 26.—NICKICKOOSEMINICAN, N. E. BAY, RAINY LAKE.

This band of Indians have built three houses and enlarged their fields; they had enough potatoes for the winter, and supplied other Indians with seed. They are anxious to better their condition by cultivating the soil.

## No. 27.—THE WABEGON AND EAGLE LAKES,

These Indians are in two parties, part on Wabegon and part on Eagle Lake; those on Wabegon have only small patches of potatoes, and as their reserve is near the railroad line, they have neglected their gardens. I am sorry to say that the chief is addicted to liquor, which he always finds means to get from the whiskey peddlers along the line.

Those on Eagle Lake have enlarged their fields, and have requested that they may be supplied with wheat and barley for next season.

Owing to the high water all the hay grounds have been flooded, and I am afraid the Indians will be short of hay for their cattle.

The following bands have requested that their reserves be surveyed: Lac Seul, Mattawan and Eagle Lake, as the surveyor was recalled before finishing the survey of Eagle Lake reserve.

The supplies of ammunition, tea, tobacco, twine, pork and flour were all of good quality; neither percussion caps or gun-flints were sent with the supplies.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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