

house is on fire it becomes us to be on the alert. Other facts indicate how deeply the honour and the interest of the Dominion is involved in preserving undisturbed our traditional friendly relations with the Indian tribes on both sides of the Rocky Mountains. Here is one fact that points a moral so flattering to the Dominion and to Great Britain that I shall not draw it in words:—During the two years that the Boundary Commission was doing its work, the scientific men engaged by the U. S. Government required the protection of a large military force; whereas the British and Canadian party, engaged on the other side of the line, had no escort and were never disturbed!

The first steps taken by the Dominion Government to protect the Indians from ill-treatment and from whiskey were in 1873, when Acts were passed for the establishment of the Mounted Police Force, and prohibiting the introduction of intoxicating liquors into the Territories. These Acts, and the action consequent upon, have been attended with the happiest results. Order reigns throughout the North-west. The fact that men charged with the murder of Indians have been brought a thousand miles across the great lone land and lodged in the Winnipeg prison to await their trial, shows the length of the arm of Canada, and that the life of the Indian is as sacred in the eye of the law as the life of any other subject of the Queen. The trading posts and forts established by outlaws and desperadoes from the Western States on the Bow and Belly Rivers, that were demoralizing the Indians, have been completely broken up. Some of the border ruffians and whiskey traders have been caught, fined or imprisoned, and their stock of buffalo robes—when they had such—confiscated. Others have recrossed the line, disgusted with British institutions. The Assistant Commissioner in charge at Fort McLeod reports "the complete stoppage of the whiskey trade throughout the whole of this section of the country, and that

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