

In writing a letter in acknowledgment of the clothing received from Peterborough Presbyterial Society, and Howick, Que., it is rather difficult to give the kind ladies, who prepared this clothing, any conception of how much it is appreciated both by the children and by those who have the allotting of it to them. Our bales came about the middle of September, and were immediately taken to the store-room, unpacked and sorted out. During the unpacking and sorting one could not help but think of the great care and forethought with which this clothing was prepared. So much of it, this year, was already made up and entirely new, and of the very best of material. And while there were some misfits, which required making over, yet the fact of so much clothing made up shows that the ladies spared no pains in trying to relieve the burden of the matron or the assistant matron, as the case may be, who have the responsibility of keeping forty or fifty children clothed.

The supply is extra good. It will cost next to nothing this year for extras, except shoes. The supply of shoes is always short. And, although there were some fifty pairs came, yet this will hardly more than begin to shoe the children for the year. We are buying shoes now, and our shoe bill for the year will be no trifle. We think that even if cash were paid out for shoes in the East they would come a great deal cheaper than what we can buy them for here.

The clothing for Lizard Point from Lindsay Presbyterial Society came when I was away in Ontario. The supply, however, is ample and of splendid quality. It just came at the right time, and relieved many of the poor and needy Indians, who, without it, would have suffered very much during the month of November, which was the coldest month ever known in the history of the country.

We are all looking forward to the coming of Santa Claus. We have received a good supply of presents in the shape of dolls, cards, pictures, books, story books, etc. We hope the children will all be well and able to enjoy the Christmas Tree. Two of them at present have the whooping-cough, and we fear that we shall have more or less of it all winter. There have been several deaths on the Lizard Point Reserve during the past month from whooping-cough and colds.

I had occasion to visit the Bird Tail Reserve last week, and while there happened into the house where the Indian women were holding a missionary meeting. Eight or ten of them were seated around the stove, some knitting, some sewing, some making fancy bead work, etc. The things made were to be sold and the money given to foreign mission work. I