

their annuities. I reasoned with and advised them, but they were decided. I closed the council and proceeded on to Long Sault. Called a council of the Long Sault Band; as Mawintoobinesse's brother was one of the councillors of this band, he comes under the head of those to be removed from the pay-list; another councillor was elected, and his name was struck off the pay-sheet. One of the chiefs of the Hungry Hall Band, which had refused to accept annuities, was at this place *en route* to Fort Francis. He requested me to pay him his annuity, but I told him that as he had refused to accept it while I was on his reserve, he would have to wait till my return from making the payments to the other bands. He blamed Mawintoobinesse as the cause of their refusal, and told him so. I told him, in presence of Mawintoobinesse, that he was chief of his own band, and asked him why he wore the medal if he could not rule his own followers, and that neither Mawintoobinesse nor any other chief had the right to rule or control others than his own followers. The two bands at Long Sault have good fields of potatoes, but part of their corn is backward, owing to the dry weather in June. There have been three births and three deaths in these two bands.

The two bands at Manito Rapids have large fields of corn and potatoes. Last spring they had about 150 bushels of potatoes—after keeping enough for seed—which they sold.

The band purchased an ox last fall with their money, and when I visited the reserve in spring, they had two ploughs working. Four births in these two bands.

Little Forks Band have returned to their reserve, and have planted corn and potatoes. They have requested tools to replace those burnt during the small pox. They also have requested two young animals which were killed at the same time.

Two births and one death in this band.

Mickeseese Band, at Coutcheeching, have planted on their large reserve, but still have gardens at the village. Their potatoes have a good appearance, but the corn is backward, and they have not been successful with their small seeds. Although I have instructed them, they sow them too deep, and allow the weeds to grow. The half-breeds hauled out wood for a school house during the winter; but the Indians and half-breeds do not agree, so the building has not been put up. These Indians have a large hay marsh on their reserve, but, owing to the drought, I am afraid they will be short of hay for their animals.

Five births and eight deaths occurred on this reserve.

Kaicatchewenan Band.

These Indians have more land under cultivation than last year. They were short of potatoes for seed, having lost them by frost.

I vaccinated forty men, women and children in this band. Their gardens of potatoes have a good appearance, but corn will be a failure.

I have to record one birth and three deaths in this band.

Nickickoseminecan Band.

This band have several gardens of potatoes, but the corn will also be a failure. They have two fine cows and one ox, but no bull. The chief had made a proposition to his followers to assist him to purchase a bull, but did not succeed. He wishes the Department to assist him to purchase a bull.

There was one death during the year, and I vaccinated twenty in this band.

Rivière la Seine Band.

I called a council of this band, as they wished to exchange reserve B No. 1. They have requested five miles on a lake named Esquahucan, on Rivière la Seine, and three miles a short distance from the mouth of the river, and they wish it to be surveyed at an early date. They have several good gardens where they wish to take the three miles; their other gardens also look well. The chief has about a quarter