

outfit to be given to God as a proof of his sincerity. The work in the Home is encouraging; three of the bigger boys were baptized about two weeks ago and others are being prepared. The boys are doing splendidly; they help with their own cooking, making their own bread, and in fact almost all the work, such as sweeping, scrubbing, mending and general chores, and are generally very helpful, good and obedient boys. We are miserably in need of a laundry. I hope you will not think it imposing on you when we ask for help to build one, but really the need is so great we feel something must be done. You will understand how difficult it is to do the washing and cooking for 30 people on the same stove, besides being inconvenient we do not think it is healthy. The Home is also badly in need of a team of strong horses and a democrat. We have to draw our provisions from Gleichen, a distance of ten miles, and also take the North Camp boys to see their parents periodically, so that a fairly good outfit is really necessary. The staff are writing to their friends for contributions towards this, but am afraid the sum needed for a good team will not easily be raised thus. With the present number of boys in the Home, the Government grant is just sufficient for the maintenance of the Home, and not getting any help from outside sources, except clothing, (which we are very grateful for, as without the nice bales our friends send us the Homes could not possibly be kept up) you will see how hard it is to raise money for such objects as I have mentioned, except by a special appeal. We think a fairly good laundry could be built for \$100 or \$125."

From Peigan Reserve. N.W.T., to W.A., Fort William, Algoma, May, 1899.

"Most sincerely do we thank you for the bale so kindly sent; it would be difficult to say what we liked best, as all sent were of such a useful nature; the quilts were most welcome, for we were in much need of them for the Home; the faces of our dear Indian children beamed with joy when they saw the new clothing for both boys and girls. It is always difficult to get boys' clothing, but with the good stock from your Branch we felt a great need had been supplied: the shirts were exceedingly welcome: we thank you all most heartily for your kind forethought in making up such a bale. The harvest here could be very great, but the laborers are few."