

Joseph Sprevier has six acres of wheat, three acres of potatoes and two acres of turnips.

Gardié has twenty-five acres of wheat, nine acres of barley, four acres of potatoes and two acres of turnips.

"Pete-way-way-kee-sick" has eight acres of wheat, one acre of potatoes, one-quarter acre of turnips. This Indian has his land well fenced, a good house, and a good cooking stove in it.

Most of the above crops looked exceedingly well. "Ne-pah-pah-ness'" grain being the best I have seen this year. The land in crop was all well fenced; some of the houses excellent. On this reserve is a school house in course of erection. They were short of ploughs; some in use should be "cast," being worn out. The agent promised them that he would send them some as soon as this year's requisition arrived. I observed a new plough here, "Nebraska Breaker." It is a good plough, but too wide a cut (fourteen inches) for our use. The chief, "Cameess," promised that he would keep his men at work and cut plenty of hay.

Yellow Calf Band.

The chief (headman) of this band is a smart young man, about thirty years of age. They have moved from the part of their reserve where they first commenced farming,—the soil there proving too light and gravelly,—to a point two and a-half miles further south. On this account they have not a large crop, only nine acres of barley and a patch of potatoes. On the old place they planted four acres of potatoes and some turnips. They number fourteen families, of fifty-six souls. They purchased for themselves last year a reaper, mower and rake. Their three ploughs were in bad order. They had broken forty-three and a-half acres of land at their new location, consequently they had not been idle. I took an inventory at the farm of the provisions, implements, tools, live stock, &c., and audited the books, returns of which I will submit later.

Indian Head Agency.

I took an inventory of the stock on hand here on 2nd of July, which, together with an abstract of my audit of the books, I will submit in a future report.

Accompanied by the agent, I visited the reserves in the neighborhood. Going first to the Assiniboines, who came from the plains only last summer, I found the crops on Chief Jack's reserve almost a failure. From the long continued drought the potatoes (twenty-nine acres) had not vegetated but died away. The wheat (six and one-half acres) looked pretty well, also the turnips (eleven acres). The total in crop by this band was about fifty acres, and being their first year at farming, they were particularly dispirited in consequence. The hand of death had dealt heavily with them during the past year, forty-four having died as against four births. This includes "Long Lodge" Band. The ration list showed two hundred and twenty-three souls.

Long Lodge Band, R. Portice in charge.

This is a small band of eighty-six souls. They had six acres of potatoes and two of turnips, which were rather backward, but showed prospect of a fair crop.

"Pie-a-Pot" Reserve.

I found the instructor here alone, the Indians having left the reserve several weeks before, to visit the neighboring villages. A large crop of roots had been planted, viz., eighteen acres of potatoes and three acres of turnips and carrots. They did not promise well, on account of the drought. The instructor was engaged in breaking up more land. He reported forty-five deaths in the band (ration list numbers three hundred and seventy souls) on the reserve during their sojourn there of nine or ten months, but no births. On each of these reserves I took inventories of the implements, supplies and live stock, and audited the books. Instructor Taylor's entries for issues for the month of June were not sufficiently in detail to be satisfactory. I requested the agent to have this remedied.