
APPENDIX F.

MOUNTED POLICE REPORT.

FORT WALSH, 6th June, 1877.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward, for your information, a Report from Inspector Walsh concerning the arrest of thirteen Assiniboine Indians for committing a series of assaults on the Sauteaux.

On my arrival here I found that Inspector Walsh had released eleven the day previous. The following day I sat on the case with Walsh, and we adjudged "Crooked Arm," the ringleader, six months in gaol with hard labor, and the other, two months.

On my road to Sitting Bull I visited the Assiniboine camp, a camp of over 500 lodges, and held a pow-wow with Long Lodge and his head men.

I told them that as they had behaved themselves so well, and that I had received such good reports of them from Inspector Walsh, that I would perhaps mitigate the sentences of their young men now in gaol. Of course this is illegal, but I consider the circumstances of the case justifies my action.

In conclusion, I cannot too highly write of Inspector Walsh's prompt conduct in this matter, and it must be a matter of congratulation to feel that fifteen of our men can ride into an enormous camp of Indians and take out of it as prisoners, thirteen of the head men.

The action of this detachment will have great effect on all the Indians throughout the country.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. IRVINE,

Assistant Commissioner.

The Hon. R. W. SCOTT,
Secretary of State,
Ottawa.

FORT WALSH,

May 27th, 1877.

SIR,—On the 25th instant, Little Child, Sauteaux Treaty Chief, arrived at this Post and reported as follows: that the Sauteaux, numbering 15 lodges and 250 lodges of Assiniboines, were camped at the north-east end of this mountain. On the 24th instant the Sauteaux camp concluded to move away from the Assiniboines, consequently they informed the Assiniboines of their intention. An Assiniboine named Crow's Dance had formed a war lodge, and gathered about 200 young men as soldiers under him. It appears Crow's Dance gave orders that no person was to move away from the camp without the permission of the soldiers.