

chief on whose behalf I asked that a reservation be granted. I purpose visiting him from File Hills should my time allow. To meet the future requirements of the bands already settled on their reserves, and also those of those coming north, I have to request that I be supplied at the same time as the carts are sent with 50 yoke of good oxen. The health of the Indians in my district during the past season has been on the whole good, though a large mortality still exists among infants. For the proper visiting and attending to the sick, I would respectfully recommend that proper transport be supplied the officer in charge of the hospital here, to enable him to efficiently perform his duties, together with a suitable remuneration, the latter I have already urged. Sergt. Holmes (Hospital Sergeant North West Mounted Police) has taken over all of our Indian medicines, and has divided them up suitably for the various farms, furnishing simple instructions along with each lot. I trust Mr. Wadsworth did not omit to bring under the notice of yourself and the Commissioner the necessity of having good farm horses supplied each farm. With the exception of the two that Mr. Newlove has, the rest are of no account, being in many instances cart horses. As the bridge which I built across the Qu'Appelle last summer has been carried away by the ice, I will be obliged to build a scow or such like to replace it. I heard from an old settler here this afternoon, that the river has not been so high for twenty-five years, rains continue and the waters are still rising.

On comparing my expenditure for last winter with that of the previous year, and the results accruing therefrom, I think you will join with me in congratulating ourselves on the successful outcome of the present Indian policy of this district.

With regard to travelling, I beg to state that in the future it must not be expected of me to be as expeditious in getting from point to point as heretofore, as it is impossible for me to feed horses as they should be for such work with the present allowance for travelling. Oats here are at \$3 per bushel, and will continue so in all probability all summer, that is to say, if they can be procured; a pair of horses while travelling consume at least one bushel per diem, and I must travel with three horses in case of accidents, and there is no allowance made for the third. I, however, trust that it will be deemed fair, under the circumstances, to allow me \$1.75 per diem for the third horse. It is to be hoped that the stationery for my district will soon come to hand as I am completely out and have had to buy locally.

I hope the foregoing will be found to be a satisfactory and at the same time explicit synopsis of my district from the commencement of winter up to when I write.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

A. McDONALD,
Indian Agent, Treaty 4.

INDIAN OFFICE,
QU'APPELLE, NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES, 24th July, 1882.

The Right Honorable
The Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Report on the File Hills Reserve, July, 1882.

SIR,—I have the honor to report that leaving here on the morning of the 19th instant, I proceeded to make a tour of inspection of the File Hills Reserves. Mr. Taylor, who was on leave of absence granted him by the Commissioner, happening to be in here at the time, I seized the opportunity to take him along with me.

I was very much pleased with the condition of everything in connection with Farming Agency No. 5.

I visited first of all Chief Little, Black Bear's Reserve. Here I found a great deal of work had been done by most of the band, but those most commendable were the chief, his son, Joe Assiniboine, and a headman of the band. The various crops