

so on, may be too severe for some of the men, and in that case, having been provided with models, they, as well as the women will be able to employ themselves profitably in the manner indicated, being supplied, in the case of harness for instance, with the necessary hides, buckles, and so forth if they cannot procure them for themselves.

It is often urged as a reason for not encouraging Indians to take such work as offers, that the price obtainable will not pay, but unless this mean that more profitable employment can be found, or that the wear and tear of plant would be greater than the value of remuneration, the argument is without force, since it is clearly better to have Indians contributing even a little by their earnings towards their own support with the contingent advantage of being usefully employed, than to keep them in dependent idleness.

It follows therefore that unless under very exceptional circumstances, they should be encouraged to take contracts or make sales of such articles as hay and firewood to be delivered to the purchaser, for by this means a market for their labor as well as for the raw material is found, and this I regret to say has not been the case in some instances where it was most looked for. No doubt however the mainstay of the great majority of Indians must be farming and it is therefore most important to teach this industry in the manner best calculated to render them self supporting, and left to their own resources as well as  
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