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The Assiniboine bands of Pheasant Rump and Ocean Man, whose reserves are in the Moose Mountains, suffered severely during last winter and spring from consumption and scrofula. The death rate was very heavy. Medical assistance was afforded the sick, and every thing that was possible was done to alleviate their sufferings. These bands have done very well during the past season in farming, and have taken good care of their cattle. A school house has been erected for the children of both bands.

The Cree band, whose reserve is situated at the base of the Moose Mountains, have also made considerable progress. The general health of this band was much better than that of their Assiniboine neighbors.

The band under The Gambler, whose reserve is on the Assiniboine, at the mouth of Silver Creek, exhibited considerable energy, and had, as a result, good crops and well fenced fields. They summer-fallowed some of their land, and a fair quantity of new land was ploughed. As much cannot be said for their neighbors and kinsmen, the Indians of Chief Way-way-se-ca-po's band, whose reserve is located on Bird Tail Creek. They do not appear to be making much progress in agriculture, although a great deal of attention has been given them, with that object in view.

The Indians whose reserve is situated at Riding Mountains subsist principally by hunting, at which they are very successful, and manage to live well. They, however, planted more land than usual the past season, besides breaking up a quantity of new land. A school is conducted on the reserve.

On the reserve at Rolling River a good crop was put in, but the Indians owning this tract have not yet settled permanently upon it.

The three bands whose reserves are situated in the vicinity of Fort Pelly have continued to merit the commendation of the officers of the Department by their industry and general good conduct. A school is conducted on each of these reserves. The band of the late Chief Côté have now over one hundred cattle on their reserve.

The three bands of Sioux Indians whose reserves are situated respectively on Bird Tail Creek, Oak River and Oak Lake, have made commendable progress. They have now three hundred cattle on the several reserves, and many of them cultivate large fields of grain and roots.

A school is conducted on the reserve on Bird Tail Creek.

Many of these Indians offered their services to the Government as scouts during the recent troubles on the Saskatchewan. The mortality among them from consumption and scrofula has been considerable.