

I spent the afternoon in making up my men's accounts. On the 21st. I was all day paying off my men, and packing my equipment for shipment. The following day I shipped two canoes and other equipment to Duck Lake. I had two canoes to sell so I stayed over and sold these canoes, on Saturday 23rd. I also went to see Sergt. Grennon of the R.C.M.P. regarding liquor conditions at Pukitawakun. I had a long talk with him regarding matters relating to Indians in the north. He says the police are seriously handicapped through the lack of magistrates in that district. It would appear to me a good thing if N.C.O's of the R.C.M. Police were invested with authority to handle summary cases, and deal with them as they patrol. It would make their patrol so much more effective, and the residents of the northland would respect them so much more. I left for Regina on Monday 25th and reached there on the night of the 26th.

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In conclusion I would say that I found things throughout my trip fairly satisfactory. At no place was any particular hardship complained of. Of course the usual hard luck stories were told, with the usual request for more supplies. I would judge the Indian of the northland in better circumstances than his brother Indian on the prairies. His lakes team with fish of various kinds. The fur hunt is good, and prices are fair. The Indians number 2238 against 2210 last year, a gain of 28. There were 98 births against 55 deaths.

I think some action should be taken to get permission for our Indians to do some fall fishing in these northern waters. It is not the Indian who depletes the lakes of fish, but rather the trading companies who put

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