

ments of husbandry that he may possess, there can be no reasonable ground to hope they will ever become frugal, and learn the lessons of economy.

"As it now is, if a yoke of oxen be obtained for their use, they belong to the whole band in common, and in such case all use them, but none feel responsible to feed them: the consequence, almost without an exception, is, they die in winter; seldom any live a year in their possession. The same loss is sustained in the want of care taken of their implements of husbandry: all use them, but none take care of or repair them. Until each one can possess his own farm and effects, any effort made to introduce among the Indians habits of industry, frugality, and domestic economy, will be in a great measure labour spent in vain. But I have no doubt that as many are now under the influence of Christianity, and wish to enjoy the blessing of civilization, if they can be permitted to possess farms of their own, they may be influenced to contract habits of industry, and ultimately become good and wholesome citizens.

"I have the honour to be

"Sir, your obedient servant,

"C. VAN DUSEN."

"INDIAN DECLARATION.

"THE following Declaration is respectfully submitted by the undersigned for the consideration of His Excellency, Sir Edmund Head, Bart., Governor General of British North America, &c.,