

met the chief and councillors in the evening, talking with them far into the night, as the next day was Sunday, and I wanted to get away on Monday. I had my canoes painted here.

These people asked for some twine clothing, & tea, to be paid for out of interest money standing to their credit. In the event of this being done, arrangements would have to be made to get it out during the early part of the winter by Mr. Brooks' teams. Quantities will be submitted by me upon receipt of the necessary authority.

An attempt is made here to grow some potatoes, but as at Lac La Ronge the ground is very rocky, and garden patches are cultivated at some distance from the mission. I am told that these outlying patches grow good potatoes.

The matter of the balance of land to which this band is entitled, 30.6 sq. miles, was spoken of. It is desired that this balance be surveyed for them at an early date. Additional land could be surveyed for them at the mouth of Rapid River where a small reserve has already been surveyed. Then they desire an island some 3 sq. miles in extent just off the mouth of Rapid River on the Churchill River. Then west of the Hudson Bay Company's block and on the south side of the Churchill a block some 2 sq. miles could be laid out. Again about 9 miles up the Churchill River and on the north shore of a lake called Otter Lake another block could be laid out. Here some of the Indians have houses built and live in them during the winter. I impressed upon the chief and councillors the necessity of having all the land coming to them chosen when a surveyor arrived to lay out the balance of their land. They request that when a surveyor is sent out that the chief be notified, that men might be held held.

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