

be on the spot to protect  
and advise the Indians  
and look after their affairs  
generally, which he (Mr.  
MacKay) cannot certainly  
do while he is residing  
at Winnipeg.

Mr. MacKay's suggestion  
relative to the Pay list, Books,  
and Brass Checks to be  
used in connection with  
Treaty 5 will receive con-  
sideration.

With regard to the  
non payment in 1877 of the  
Cumberland Band a  
communication has been  
sent you this day upon that  
subject, I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

*A. MacKay*

*Dec 9 1879*