

"Blood" and "Piegan" Reservations. It is not agreeable to have to speak so strongly on this important subject, but a knowledge of the truth, which it would be difficult to exaggerate, may lead to the adoption of measures tending to modify the evil, and certainly should render the appointment of an Assistant Surgeon to that post at the earliest moment imperative.

Owing in a great measure to the causes above referred to, my work at this station, both with the force and the Indians, was exceptionally severe, rendering continual attendance in the unwholesome hut which serves for a hospital and dispensing room necessary for seven or eight, and often more, hours every day.

On the 31st of August 32 cases of medical stores for the Mounted Police Force in this territory, aggregating twenty-five cwt., arrived at McLeod from Fort Benton, for division and distribution (the remaining seven cases of the original consignment having been sent direct to Assistant Surgeon Kennedy, at Fort Walsh), entailing the duty of inspecting, dividing, re-packing and distributing them in quantities proportioned to the requirements of each of the three posts of Walsh, McLeod and Calgary. I entered upon this duty with the assistance of my servant only on the fourth of September, weighing, dividing and re-packing every separate package, giving to Fort Walsh the due proportion for 125 men and officers, to McLeod for 94 men and officers and to Calgary for 60. This service by working late at night, was completed on the 10th of September, and a separate schedule of the medicines contained in each case repacked was prepared to accompany them, Superintendent Crozier, commanding at Fort McLeod, being at the same time notified that they were ready and awaiting transportation to their several destinations which they reached shortly afterwards, those for Fort Walsh being despatched on the 24th and those for Calgary on the 26th of the same month, which was as soon as transport could be provided. At the same time I forwarded to headquarters a list of articles entered in the original invoice which had been furnished in less quantities than charged for or which had been omitted altogether.

On September 15th, having been directed to go on to Calgary and make arrangements for the erection of a suitable hospital, there I proceeded thither, reaching that station on the 17th; and having, in conjunction with Superintendent McIlree, commanding that post, selected a suitable site for the building, I prepared the drawings and requisite working plans of the ground floor and front and end elevations of a hospital, 50 x 25 feet, with a height to the ceiling of nine feet, suitable provision being made for ventilation, and containing ample room for seven beds, the proportion necessary for a garrison of seventy men; a dispensing room properly arranged with shelves and counters, and an operating room which might be used also for the reception and examination of the men at sick parade, without admitting them into the body of the hospital; adding two semi-detached wings, 15 x 12 feet each, of the same height, for the respective uses of the hospital Sergeant and hospital Ordry (Vide my Report of Sept. 24th, 1882). These plans were left with Superintendent McIlree to be submitted to you for your approval.

The health of the force stationed at this post was excellent. I heard of little sickness among them. The new barracks in course of erection are airy, roomy, well lighted and ventilated, and will, when completed, be superior to any I have yet seen in this Territory. With ordinary care and a right observance of hygienic laws, Calgary ought to continue one of the healthiest posts in the North-West.

Having completed my work at Calgary, I began my return journey to McLeod on the 20th of September, arriving at that post on the evening of the 22nd. Here I resumed the regular medical duties at the Fort and continued so to discharge them until October 10th, when I left McLeod in your company to return to headquarters, where we arrived on the 15th. I regret much the short time allowed me for the preparation of this report, which I am directed to close not later than the 30th of November, which renders it impossible for me to obtain from McLeod the necessary materials to furnish a detailed statement of the diseases treated by me at that station, embracing a period of eleven weeks and two days. I have requested Assistant-Surgeon Kennedy, who has just proceeded to Calgary, and who expects to visit Mc-