
and headmen of the bands on the Touchwood Hills' reserves. Chiefs Pasquah and Muscowpetung, of the Qu'Appelle valley reserve, forwarded a similar despatch.

The Indians on the various reserves formerly embraced in the Indian Head agency, notwithstanding the prevailing excitement, planted about one thousand and six hundred acres of land. It will thus be seen that they were not idle.

The health of the Indians of this agency during last winter was better, and the death rate much lower, than was the case the previous year.

The agent reports that the Indians are beginning to regard their reserves as their homes, and to keep on them more continuously.

Schools were established on Little Black Bear's reserve, in the File Hills, and on Chief Gordon's reserve, in the Touchwood Hills. The former proved unsuccessful, as the children would not attend, and their parents were quite indifferent about it. School houses have also been erected on the reserves of Pasqua, in the Qu'Appelle valley, and on Long Lodge's reserve, at Indian Head; and the erection of a school house has been commenced on Little Child's reserve, at Crooked Lakes.

The industrial school at Qu'Appelle, established in 1884, is conducted in the interests of the Indian youth of the territory covered by Treaty No. 4.

The Indian bands whose reserves are comprised within what was until recently known as the Indian Head agency number about three thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight souls. They occupy four hundred and eighty-four dwellings, own one hundred and twenty-eight barns and stables, have one thousand seven hundred and seven acres under tillage, of which three hundred and eighty-two acres were newly broken this year, and one thousand nine hundred and forty-two implements and five hundred and twenty-three heads of live stock in use. They raised thirteen thousand three hundred and ten bushels of produce and cut one thousand two hundred and forty-nine tons of hay. The value of the fish and furs captured by them is estimated at \$19,150; and their other industries at \$1,405.

The Indian bands in the Birtle agency evince an increased interest in agriculture. They planted more extensively than in any previous season and did a large amount of summer fallowing. Although some of the Indians of this agency were, from the same malign influences which were brought to bear upon those of the adjacent agency of Indian Head, somewhat excited when the rebellion broke out, their agent reports that they all behaved well, and never caused him the slightest uneasiness, but made greater exertions than in any previous year towards becoming self-supporting, and generally conducted themselves as if they had no sympathy with the rebellion. The more timid Indians fled to the mountains, in order to get as far away as possible from the scene of the troubles.