

has also been increased by the collection of outstanding debts, payments having been made in flour and other produce, and about \$6,900 profit arises from an alteration in the mode of valuing the debts, which are now placed at their estimated value, instead of being, as formerly, valued at 50 per cent.

It appears also that a percentage of profit has been derived by this District on transfers of products to other Districts.

The Districts of Norway House, Cumberland, Lac La Pluie, and York Factory may be noticed as showing unsatisfactory results.

The apparent profit of *Norway House District* last year was \$1,712. The same District now shows an apparent loss of \$19,523.

The attention of the Chief Commissioner has been directed to the following summary of Norway House District for the last two Outfits:—

Dr.	Outfit 1876.	Outfit 1877.
Inventory	\$46,443	\$39,456
Supplies furnished	54,599	69,682
Transport	4,295	2,256
Wages	6,712	7,351
Sundries	230	26
	<u>\$112,282</u>	
Profit	1,712	
	<u>\$113,995</u>	<u>\$118,772</u>
Ca.	Outfit 1876.	Outfit 1877.
By Furs traded	\$44,155	\$29,416
„ Servants Book Debts	5,533	5,472
„ Supplies to Districts	18,697	13,387
„ Sales to Government, etc., etc. ..	5,316	8,259
„ Sundries	837	633
Inventory	39,456	42,078
		<u>99,247</u>
Loss		19,525
	<u>\$113,995</u>	<u>\$118,772</u>

The Returns of Outfit 1877 valued at the tariff of 1876 amount to \$34,548, or an increase of about \$5,000, by which the apparent loss would be reduced.

From the foregoing figures it will be seen that—

In Outfit 1876 the goods traded were	\$66,000
Transfers and Sales	24,000
Leaving for Fur Trade	<u>\$12,000</u>
In Outfit 1877, goods traded were	\$67,050
Sales and Transfers	21,646
Leaving for Fur Trade	<u>\$15,404</u>

which produced \$10,000 worth less Furs than \$42,000 did in Outfit 1876.

Mr. Ross, in his Report dated Norway House, called attention to the mildness of the winter of 1877, to the partial failure of the Spring Hunts at Nelson's River Post, and to an improvement which took place at Berens River and Grand Rapid's Posts. He added "the expenditure of the Outfit was fully one quarter less than that of the previous Outfit, a reduced trading tariff and diminished advances to the Indians having effected the reductions which will now steadily continue to be effected in all branches of the business from year to year. The sales at the Indian payments in the District netted \$6,000, over three-fourths of the entire amount paid out by the Government, besides \$1,000 realised by furnishing provisions."