

the condition of these Indians, so as to render them, within a reasonable time, if not wholly, at least to an appreciable extent, self-supporting. As, however, in the case of other Indians, so in a greater degree in the case of these, more is to be expected from such of the rising generation as are now being educated and industrially trained in the Industrial Institution on the Blackfoot Reserve, and in the boarding schools on the Blackfoot, Sarcee, Blood and Piegan Reserves, than from the older Indians or the young men who have not been brought under the influence of such training as these children are being subjected to.

The Stonys whose reserve is situated at Morleyville in the District of Alberta, are becoming quite adepts at stock raising; their herd of cattle is rapidly increasing. These Indians have for many years had the benefit of receiving religious instruction from missionaries of the Methodist Church; the Boarding School known as "The McDougall Orphanage" has also for a length of time been successfully conducted by that denomination on the reserve.

During the past year they pursued their usual steady course of industry and they are rapidly (for Indians) advancing towards independence.

The Crees in the northern part of Alberta both at Peace Hills and in the Edmonton Agency for some years did not make as great progress as their brethren of the Districts of Saskatchewan and Assiniboia; they appear, however, to be now rapidly overtaking them. During the past season both in agriculture and stock raising they were most successful; and as regards the Peace Hills Indians the agent reports that at their present rate of progress they ought to be independent in a year or two.

There was a net decrease of expenditure during the past year on account of the Indians of the North-west Territories and Manitoba of about \$76,000 compared with that of 1891.

#### EDUCATION.

Increased efforts have been put forth during the year by all interested in this the most effective means for the elevation of the Indian race, with the result that satisfactory progress has been made: and the increase in the average number of pupils at the various Industrial Institutions and Boarding Schools demonstrates that the prejudice of the Indians against such establishments is being rapidly overcome; and that a change of sentiment in that respect has set in. This is very creditable to the management of these schools; for it must be mainly due to the same, that the Indians have been brought to see educational matters in a different light from that in which they used to view them; a result effected no doubt by their observing the kind treatment extended to their children, and the great improvement in the appearance and manners of the latter, after a course passed at the schools, as well as the acquisition by them of useful knowledge both of a literary and industrial character.

Increased accommodation at several of the Industrial Institutions will, if Parliament votes the necessary money for the purpose, be provided during the present year, so as to admit of the advantages of education and manual training being extended to a larger number of youths.

It is hoped also that the buildings for the institutions proposed to be established at Brandon in Manitoba, Red Deer River Crossing in the North-west Territories, and Alert Bay in British Columbia will be completed and ready for occupation at an