

" INDIAN OFFICE,

" FORT WALSH, 13th December, 1882.

" SIR,—I have the honor to report to you that Big Bear has at last taken the Treaty, Col. McDonald and I explained the Treaty well to him, after which, all his band, (as many as were here) took it, and I think that all the rest of the Indians will do likewise.

" Since my arrival here, it has always been my wish to make clear to the Indians the requirements of the Government and have lost no opportunity of enlightening them on any subject. Big Bear has promised to go north in the spring and will doubtless draw a great number after him. There are many who will not leave this place, and " Pie-a-pot," " Foremost Man," and " Lucky Man " are among the number, there are also many bad people who will not take my advice.

" I have the honor to be, Sir,

" Your obedient servant,

" PETER HOURIE.

" Hon. E. Dewdney,
" Regina, N. W. T."

Schools.

As to school matters in the Territories I would submit the following.

Qu' Appelle District.

The Indians of Pasquah's Band being unable to agree among themselves as regards a site for a school building, and being also unwilling to erect one without proper and full remuneration from the Government, the teacher Mr. Richardson who was prepared to remain, left shortly after his arrival on seeing how matters stood.

Touchwood Hills.

The Touchwood Hill School is without any teacher, Mr. Settee, the late teacher, having left, there appears to have been nothing paid on account of this school during the current year.

Saddle Lake.

The Rev. Mr. Insker, C.E., has not met with that success in establishing a mission and school at this point that was looked for, he complains that the Indians will not acknowledge yet the advantages of education and consequently debar their children from attending school.

White Fish Lake.

The Methodist Church has had a school established among Chief Senum's Indians for some years past; it is no doubt, in a great measure owing to this influence, that this band has met with the success attending their efforts in farming, the school is in charge of Mr. J. A. Yomans.

Lac La Biche.

The sisters under the Roman Catholic Church have a school at this point, much upon the same principle as the one at St. Albert's, but on a smaller scale.