

"On leaving his tent I saw numbers of Indians coming in from Fort Pitt, and one was riding on a mare of mine. Of course he had stolen it, but I did not know this then, so I rode up to him and asked why he had brought my mare from the fort? He simply laughed and said 'for nothing.' I gave him a scolding, snatched the line out of his hand, and led the mare home. One old squaw said to the man, 'you see the minister does not care for any of you.' In the evening I went along the Frog Lake road with my gun after some geese I had seen, and it was nearly dark when I met two Indians coming at full gallop. These men were bringing the message of the Frog Lake murders. The Indians then held a council, at which they talked of murdering the farming instructor, but he escaped with his family to fort Pitt that night. We only lived 300 yards from him, but he was afraid to come and tell us, being so eager to get away."

Schools are in operation on the reserves of Sekaskootch, on Onion Lake, and Keehewin, on Long Lake, and up to the time of the trouble a school was conducted at Frog Lake by the Rev. F. Marchand, who was murdered at that place by an Indian or by Indians, who have, up to the present, eluded justice, having, it is believed, escaped across the boundary line into the United States.

The other victims of the Frog Lake massacre besides those above referred to were Messrs. Gowanlock and Gilchrist. Their murderers have not as yet been apprehended, nor has the murderer of Mr. John Delaney, the farm instructor.

DISTRICT OF ALBERTA.

The Indian agent at Edmonton reports as follows:—

"During the first part of this year I found all the Indians in this district quiet and orderly, showing a disposition to cultivate the soil and make a living at agriculture, and they made fair progress. In October I made the annuity payments to all the bands in the district, excepting that portion between Victoria and Lacla Biche, which was attended to by the agency clerk, acting under my instructions; and all payments were made without trouble or disturbance. * * * * * During the annuity payments the Indian Commissioner made a tour of inspection, and pleased the Indians very much by promising the various bands more working oxen, of which they stood in great need. Acting under his instructions, I purchased a fine lot of animals, which were duly distributed."

In the north-western part of this district the following bands are settled upon reserves:—

Little Hunter's band, on Saddle Lake.....	97
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