

Payment of the grant to the schools at Metlakahla, under the Right Rev. Bishop Ridley and Mr. W. Duncan has been withheld until the unfortunate difficulties existing at that place are definitely settled.

The Rev. Mr. Hall, at Alert Bay, has received a special grant of \$150, to aid in the maintenance of girls at his boarding school.

Great difficulty has been experienced in British Columbia, as in other places, of keeping day schools in successful operation.

The influence of the camp and the inherent attractions of nomadic life, are much greater than that of the teacher, and it is most difficult to secure even the occasional attendance of a child at the ordinary day school.

The proposal to establish two or three industrial boarding schools in the Province is the more desirable and advantageous course to pursue, but the grant allowed by Parliament for Indian purposes will have to be considerably increased.

Fish, Furs and Oil.

The low price of furs, and the consequent lack of inducement to Indians to engage in the business of procuring them, has caused a continued falling off in the amount exported for the last three years. Indians, however, have been afforded more profitable employment in other industries, and there can be little doubt that the fur trade has had its best day in British Columbia.

The quantity of fish oil put up by the natives, is also much less.

The canning of fish being an important industry of the Province, in which Indians take a prominent part, it may not be out of place to include the amount exported with that of furs and oil, which has been kindly furnished me by the officer in charge of Her Majesty's Customs:—

Furs	\$ 70,184 00
Oil	15,017 00
Salmon, canned.....	792,663 00
do salted	15,308 00
	\$893,172 00

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

I. W. POWELL,

Indian Superintendent.

MANITOBA SUPERINTENDENCY,

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR,

WINNIPEG, 30th October, 1884.

The Right Honorable

The Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

SIR,—Or account of the large amount of office work here requiring my personal attention, I was unable to commence my annual inspection of the different Indian agencies and reserves under my supervision, until after the close of the official year ended the 30th of June last, consequently I had no additional information in my possession regarding the condition of this superintendency to communicate to the Department, since I transmitted my last annual report, other than that contained in subsequent correspondence, until I had made another inspection of the agencies and ascertained from personal observation their actual condition. I have just completed my inspection of all the agencies excepting those of Messrs. Ogilvie and McIntyre, which I intend to inspect at the earliest possible date, and I am pleased to inform you that their condition is generally satisfactory, and that the