

ONION-LAKE AGENCY.

Onion Lake, Sask.

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Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that on the evening of June 30th. I was present at a meeting of Indians held at the Onion Lake R. C. Mission, and to give you a report of what was said.

The meeting was well represented by members of the different Cree bands and by one of the leading men of the Chipewyan band. The Rev: Father Cunningham was present with me.

Thunder, a Cree of Long Lake, said he had several things to speak about, and that the first was about the annuities withheld from the Indians of this agency for the years 1885, 6, 7 & 8. The following gives his words briefly.

" There are a good many Crees present and a few Chipewyans. We are going to ask once more for the money kept from us by the department for the years 1885, 6, 7 & 8. Another thing, we don't like the holding of our treaty money to pay for repairs to implements, etc. nor do we like the holding of beef money to purchase heifers and to subscribe to the bull fund. I don't like it and the other Indians don't like it. All the bands are represented here. In the past we were not treated in this manner. It looks as if we do not own anything. When we Indians give anything, we give it and ask no more about it. It is long since I was loaned cattle and I was told the offspring would be mine, and that after 3 years I was to make good the cows loaned. We are told that it is the Indian Department that is doing this, and if we cannot do what we like with the offspring, it looks as if the department wishes to hold on to what they have given us. Some of the Indians have told the agent - It does not sound very good, however put it down-(addressing me). Some of the Indians say they are going to give up their cattle. I say this is only foolish talk. I know some Indians do ~~good~~

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