

industry with his lazy and thriftless neighbours. By carefully confining the assistance given, so as to render it absolutely necessary to husband his own resources, this tendency is soon overcome. As he becomes more self-supporting, he finds himself more comfortable and independent, and so a stride has been made to the point at which a spirit of proper pride and self respect can be awakened.

At this stage, by continuing to give him such assistance as will leave him a margin for, and by inducing him to make investments in property, such as waggons, harness, implements, and so on, he develops into the status of a property holder, and begins to feel a sense of superiority to those who are compelled to rely for everything upon the charity of the Government.

What he has been purchasing secures to him the means of assured independence, and his position arouses a spirit of emulation in his less industrious brother.

Nothing tends so strongly as the acquisition of property to render Indians averse to having the existing order of things disturbed, for with them, as in white communities, the lawless and revolutionary element is to be found among those who have nothing to lose, but may perhaps gain by upsetting law and order.

When so far prepared, effect can be given to the provision made for the subdivision into farms, to be held in severalty, of the reserve so far occupied in common. Assured that the benefits will thus be secured to himself and heirs, he is encouraged to improve his property. Already on many of the reserves this system of subdivision and tenure by location ticket is in operation.

The patriarchal form of government by hereditary chiefs has to be broken down, and provision has been made for the substitution of a system of election, when the time becomes ripe for it.

It may not prove possible to merge the Indians of the present generation to any extent with the white population.

The majority of them may have to be kept on their reserves. To enable them to cope with the temptations and assaults to which they would be exposed if thrown upon their own resources among white men, it may well be that training must commence in childhood.

In aiming at this, however, sufficient progress has been made to justify the confident expectation that within a comparatively short time the Indians of the present generation will at least be made self-reliant, self-supporting and self-respecting on their own reserves, and if nothing more be accomplished, this achievement will have been worthy the best efforts of a civilized and Christian nation.