

the bright and beautiful days to the depths of winter, but the snow has disappeared in the valley and out on the prairies there is not much left and now we are expecting a few weeks of nice weather again. Our boys are busy ploughing.

I do not know what our poor Indians shall do this winter. The harvest has been almost a failure. The average yield was only four bushels to the acre, which will not pay half the expense of tilling the soil. There are so many poor old people that we pity, they come down to see us, they seem happy. They come in, sit down by the fire, trembling with the cold and starving, and yet they laugh as if they were very happy.

From Glengarry Missionary Society we received 3 bales of clothing. The clothing sent from Peterboro' was received all right, also the 9 bales from Orangeville.

We have given much of the clothing away to the most needy, but there are many yet who are in rags and will suffer much if we are not able to help them. That which has been most appreciated by these suffering ones, are the warm quilts sent. The woolen, patched quilts, lined with flannel or any other strong material, are warm and strong and useful. How often when these are given to the poor old grannies we hear such expressions as "Now indeed I will be warm." "Now I shall not freeze this winter."

There are more than thirty old people who are already suffering with the cold who have received nothing from us this fall. The pieces of flannel sent were much appreciated; most of it has been given for skirts for the old women.

Yellow Calf's wife, whom we saw in the tent on our way to Kewistahaws, died last week; also the young girl we saw at Kewistahaws has passed away. One by one of these poor ones die and the number is becoming less each year. We often chide them for their want of economy and forethought. But after all we find them suffering and our hearts refuse to remain hard; we must help them. I do not like asking for more, but I have stated the need and the W.F.M.S. shall do what they think is best. We are glad and the Indians are thankful for all that we have received. But the year is hard and calls for special assistance.