

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT. Acknowledgments of Clothing.

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It was only last week that we got the last of our stuff in from Yorkton station. It was the Kingston consignment. It may appear curious that I should have left it out there so long, but I did it just because I thought it best. If it had been here we would have been bothered with people coming after it, and it would probably have disappeared long ago, and some who needed help toward the middle and end of the winter would be left without.

As I said in my last letter the supply sent us this year has been most liberal. The Kingston people sent us a splendid lot of quilts, and the dresses for the old women were just the thing. I have distributed almost all of them among the poorest of the widows. How pleased they were! It would have done you good to see how thankful they were. Two old women who were nearly blind seemed to take great pleasure out of handling these nice warm clothes.

We have always made it a rule to have the people pay for the clothing, if possible, in some way or other. They bring wood, and wash, and scrub, and tan hides, and get out rails, and make moccasins, and sew up patch-work quilts—in fact, we take anything at all that can be used about the mission for these clothes. This you can easily see gives us a great deal of trouble, but it is a great advantage to many of the Indians to be able to get them here. Some of the lazy ones think they should get them for nothing, and, in fact, sometimes tell us that these clothes are sent up for the Indians, and that we have no right to sell them. And in one or two cases children have been taken away