

The books had been regularly kept and the receipts of supplies agreed with the books of the Indian Office.

*Pasquah Band.*

These Indians had 88 acres in crop as against 60 acres of the year before. It had been safely harvested but it will be very difficult to arrive at the yield, each Indian threshing out a little of his grain from time to time and eating it—even a large crop will disappear in this way without making much show.

*Muscowpetung Band.*

This is their first year of farming. They had 18½ acres in crop but it was sown late. I think it quite possible we shall have to furnish them with seed again in the spring.

*Standing Buffalo.*

These Indians have a beautiful reserve, but I am sorry to say they do not appear to work well. Their crop was mostly put in for them last spring by the Department, but they did not take the trouble to well fence it. They did little or no fresh breaking during the summer, and they have not fall ploughed a furrow.

Each family had an excellent garden in the valley but too small to go for much in feeding them through the winter.

*File Hills, Farm No. 4.*

The Instructor, Mr. Taylor, being away, I found the farm in charge of his assistant, Mr. John Nichol.

I inspected the books and found they were kept correctly, the receipts as entered agreeing with the Agency books, and the issues had been made according to instructions from the Agent and correct entries made. I found the implements, tools, &c., agreed with the inventory.

The home farm here consists only of a few acres of barley and potatoes, and half an acre of wheat. It yielded very well and will provide seed for the new Indians. It has never been the intention to work a home farm (in connection with these bands) which accounts for such a small quantity being grown.

There are four bands of Indians under the direction of this Instructor, viz., Pee-pee-kee-sees, Okahneese, Star Blanket and Little Black Bear.

I first visited Little Black Bear. This is the second year farming for this band. They have made a fair start, and I have no doubt but another year they will show considerable energy in their work. A half-breed named Bellgarde belongs to this band, and is setting them an excellent example,

*Okahneese.*

This band have only 9½ acres in crop. It is their first year for any crop. They have built good houses and fenced their land and put up a good deal of hay.

*Star Blanket.*

Had 17 acres in crop. Their wheat—10 acres—did not amount to anything, but they have about 200 bushels of potatoes.

*Pee-pee-kee-sees.*

This chief only settled this year, having come up from Cypress at the same time as Pie-a-pot. He has 72 followers. They have already finished some very good houses, and the chief's house, in which I went to get warm and have a talk with him, would