

The tide of events seems to foreshadow a Canadian immigration to this valley at no distant day; and should such be the case, I have no doubt but the locality that we have chosen will be one of the first selected for settlement, and the more fully that the Indians are prepared for the proximity of immigrant neighbors, the better for both parties.

The Indians know all about the transfer of the territory (although few of them understand its meaning), and many a talk they have had with us on the subject. We have assured them that should the Canadian Government desire to form settlements, a full compensation will be made for the land, and the interests of the Indians otherwise respected.

In closing this paper, I have most sincerely to thank those congregations that have manifested an interest in our work, and the Sabbath Schools that have contributed towards the support of the Indian children of this place. The goods that were sent by congregations last season were very suitable, and in such quantity that I have been encouraged to depend on that source of supply alone for dry goods for next season, and I have not forwarded any order for that description of supplies. The goods sent have enabled us to clothe the children under our care, and a considerable quantity have been exchanged for leather and for work, for we never give presents except in cases of real necessity, but in that way also a number of Indian children (not at school) have been clothed.

Now that we are under the rule of Canada, and Canadian duties will no doubt be chargeable at Red River, it may be just as convenient to procure all our supplies from the provinces; and contributions of groceries as well as dry goods might be sent to our forwarding agent, Mr. Playfair, at Bryce, McMurrich & Co.'s, Toronto. Tea, coffee, sugar, rice, corn starch, &c., &c., are not only needful for the Mission, but are also in great demand with the Indians and persons doing work for the Mission.

That the approaching General Assembly may be directed from above in regard to this work, is the fervent prayer of

Your humble servant,

JAMES N:SBET.

Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, December 31st, 1869.

TO THE SABBATH SCHOOLS OF THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

January 10, 1870.

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

It is not long since I sent a letter to you, but as I may not have another opportunity for a long time to come, I must not let the present one pass.

It has given me much pleasure to be informed that your contributions last year for this mission produced a very considerable sum—being very near one-fourth of the whole amount spent on this mission for the year—although a good deal additional was paid of what was owing for previous years. The result I consider to be very encouraging, and an evidence of what you, my young friends, can do when you set about it in earnest. I am not quite sure how many Sabbath Schools sent contributions, but I know that were a large number to contribute in the same proportion to those that have done so, this mission might be supported entirely by your contributions, even with an additional Missionary. I am very thankful for so good a beginning, and shall hope for increasing results in years to come.

As yet your money has not been all spent on the keeping of children at the mission. You know that when we came here there was nothing but the wilderness; no houses, and nobody to put up houses for us, except the men I brought with me from Red River; there were no fields or cultivation of any kind. We had to live in tents until we had put up small log houses, we had to fence in fields, and plough and sow, and reap, and