

"They are far more docile than we white men would be under similar circumstances. The least we can do is to keep our pledges, but we have never done it. We rob, cheat, lie, to the red man, and when he grows restless we put an ounce of lead into him. Our whole Indian policy has been and is a shame and a disgrace."

The last clause is a bitter comment on the treatment of the native races amongst our neighbours, and is a solemn warning to Canada for our treatment of these early possessors of the soil. So far our Indians are peaceable and trusty, but they must be kept well in hand by careful supervision, and no fancied wrongs should ever be allowed to exist unlistened to. The Indian Department holds the key to the safety of our settlers on the plains of the great North-west.

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THERE is a good deal of truth in an editorial of the *Ottawa Free Press* on the Indian scare, which says: "A tremendous noise is being made about the danger of an Indian uprising in Dakota. It is alleged that the Indian tribes have become filled with the idea that a "Messiah" is shortly to appear who will sweep the white people from the face of the earth and bring back the old buffalo hunting times. But the most reliable reports go to show that the Indian discontent and unrest in Dakota are due to pretty much the same causes which led to the outbreak in our own North-west a few years ago. Faith has not been kept with the tribes. They have been cheated and imposed upon by Government agents and speculators. Washington despatches state what is well understood in official circles there, that the threatened or apprehended Indian uprising in the Dakotas is due primarily and almost solely to the non-fulfilment by the administration of the promises made to the Sioux by absolute treaty when they ceded their lands. While the coming of the alleged Messiah is brought prominently forward as the apparent cause