

on some it hangs over the forehead in a fringe, on others it stands straight up, stiff and bushy. Worn long behind, some have it braided in long tags, thickly set with brass-headed tacks; these long tails dangle about the back and shoulders. When a child is to be named, they invite the medicine man and near relatives to a feast. After many senseless performances, the medicine man steps out of the tent, and whatever he sees first that impresses his mind, he returns and names the child; for example, "Lame Fox," "Going for Poles," "Makes Dust as he Walks." The famous "Sitting Bull" thus received his name. Many names are unfit to translate. We will encourage them to take English names. I bought a small cooking stove (\$27.00), in order that I could come on at once. I feel sure God is with me, and that we have the prayers and aid of his dear people.

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**Extracts from Mr. Burgess' Letter of July 5th, 1886.**

**BIRD TAIL, SIOUX RESERVE.**

NO. OF INDIANS ON BIRD TAIL, SIOUX RESERVE (ENOCH'S BAND).—Men, 36; women, 38; boys under 10 years, 12; girls under 10 years, 13; boys over 10 and under 15 years, 8; girls over 10 and under 15 years, 7; babies, 17; total, 131.

All the wool was made up into mitts and socks in a very short time.

Needles, thimbles, thread, etc., are most acceptable. If you could send us a bundle of socks and a few blankets for the old people, it would be such a benefit. The houses all consist of one room; in some houses there are four or more families; each member has his or her particular spot on the floor, where they stand, sit or lie down at night. Their only covering is a blanket; so that some of the old people, with threadbare blankets, lying on the hard ground, have a bad time of it in winter.

I got six of my best boys sent to an Industrial School in Ontario this summer. I was sorry to lose them; but they will have a much better chance of learning the ways of the white people there than at home.