

licensed houses in the vicinity, a fact which brings home to them additional troubles. They complain in all their speeches of their neglected condition, and their inability to obtain sufficient from their lands to support themselves.

The Canoe Creek Indians brought water a distance of twenty miles during the present year, and I think will have all they want for irrigation purposes, and would make good use of land if more were given them.

As an instance of the hardship they have suffered, I was informed that a man named Richie pre-empted land which they cultivated and on which they had their burial grounds and houses. After obtaining a Crown Grant he sold it, and it is now occupied by the third owner.

That Indians submit to such a mode of dealing with them speaks well for their peaceful proclivities, but the circumstance gives them increased claims for justice and future protection.

Clinton Indians.

The Clinton Indians are located on the outskirts of the village and are more or less demoralized in consequence. I have advised them to remove to the reserve a few miles distant, and I am in hopes that the Agent will be able, finally, to act upon the suggestion.

They have never been visited by the Agent, Mr. Cornwall, and in their present condition require considerable attention. Now that an Agent has been appointed for the Lillooet District, it will be more convenient for Captain Meason to see them, and should you not think otherwise, I have instructed that gentleman to regard Clinton as a portion of his Agency.

The local Government Agent at that place, Mr. Soues, has bestowed much watchful care over these Indians, and has done much to demolish the whiskey traffic among them, which would otherwise have been carried on even more extensively than it has been.

I remained at Clinton three days, during which time several chiefs came from the surrounding country to interview me upon various matters, and I left on the 20th September for Kamloops, arriving there on the 22nd.

I had requested Mr. Cornwall to accompany me through his Agency, but at Cache Creek I received a note from that gentleman informing me that his health would not then permit him to do so.

Owing to railway work the Indians at the Kamloops Agency have been kept pretty actively employed, hence there were few complaints notwithstanding the inability of the Agent to do much in the way of visiting the bands in his Agency.

I left Nicola on the 4th of October, arriving at Victoria on the 10th, my visit having occupied a period of nearly eight weeks, during which I traversed more than 1,600 miles on horseback and driving.

I will leave again for the north-west coast as soon as I can dispose of correspondence accumulated during my absence.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. W. POWELL,
Indian Superintendent.

EDMONTON, SASKATCHEWAN, N.-W. T.,
9th October, 1883.

The Right Honorable
The Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honor to report that in accordance with instructions received from the Honorable the Indian Commissioner, I commenced my annual inspection of the Indian Agencies, farms and reserves in the North-West Territories on the 19th of April, beginning with the Qu'Appelle District, under Mr. Agent Macdonald.