



Photo by J. C. B.

The hope of the future generation in the north. Indian girls at La Plouge Mission.

## On a Winter Survey in North Saskatchewan

A Newsy Sketch of a Forest Engineer's Travels in a Land That  
Needs Protective Treatment.

The Commission of Conservation has made plans for an investigation of the forest resources of Canada. During the past three years, work along this line has been under way in British Columbia and Saskatchewan, in co-operation with the B. C. Forest Branch and the Dominion Forestry Branch, respectively, assisted by information secured from private concerns. In both provinces, the field work has been finished, and the reports are now in course of preparation, and will be published later.

In Saskatchewan, this work has been carried on by J. C. Blumer, who has recently made a trip, under

winter conditions, into a portion of the North Country, concerning which but little information is available to the general public. On account of the very interesting character of the progress report made by Mr. Blumer, on his return from this trip, permission to publish the following extracts has been given.

Prince Albert, Sask.,

March 30, 1916.

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

The following is my final field report:

Taking advantage of the fine weather, I started for Lac la Ronge on February 19th, hiring Ranger