

been received from the several Agents, I am unable to state whether the total number of implements asked for has been received by the Agents.

The numbers of cattle supplied during the past year were as follows: 4 cows, 2 oxen and 1 bull, to Chief Rat Mackay; 2 cows and 1 bull, to Chief Naitaunce-mekung, of Rainy Lake, Treaty 3; 2 cows, 2 oxen and 1 bull, to the Crane River Band, of Treaty 2.

There are yet some cattle to be supplied within Treaties 1, 3 and 5, some of which will be delivered this winter and the remainder next spring.

There are nine Indian schools in this Superintendency, supported by Government and paid through this office. A number of new schools were opened during the past year, from which no returns have, as yet, been received. A number of school houses have also been erected, some of which have been completed. There are other Indian schools, conducted by the various religious bodies, from which returns have not been received at this office. The difficulty of securing teachers for Indian schools will, in a great measure, be obviated by the action of the Department, in guaranteeing to the teacher, entirely supported by the Government, a salary of \$300 per annum, with the privilege of receiving an additional sum of \$12 per annum for each pupil over the number of 25 and up to the number of 42.

There still continues to be trespasses committed on the Indian reserves in the Lake of the Woods district, and it has been thought advisable by your Department, if the Indians will give their consent, to sell the timber on these reserves for their benefit, and tenders for the timber are now being invited in anticipation of the Indians giving their consent; the contractor to pay so much per thousand, and to employ the Indians to get out the logs, *i. e.*, if they are willing to work, and for which they are to receive one-third of the contract price, the remainder to be placed to the credit of those Bands, the contractor to cut not less than 5,000,000 feet each year, until it is all cut. The disposal of the timber appears advisable, as there are parties continually trespassing on the reserves. The risk of fire getting into the woods and destroying the timber is very great.

I regret to inform you that notwithstanding the great vigilance exercised by the different Agents within this Superintendency in prosecuting parties dealing in the illegal traffic of liquor with Indians, it is still carried on to a great extent at the time of the annuity payments.

The amount of correspondence passing through this office, during the past year, is as follows, viz.: 1,095 letters were received, and 1,224 despatched, the latter embracing 2,330 pages of foolscap, being an increase over last year by 155 letters received, and 165 despatched, the latter embracing 188 pages of foolscap.

In conclusion, I beg to inform you that I have received very great assistance from my Assistants Messrs. Lovéque and Wright, who have efficiently performed their respective duties.

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

JAMES F. GRAHAM,
Indian Superintendent.

BURLA, 18th November, 1882.

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

SIR,—I have the honor to send you the latest information available concerning the state of the Indians in my District. The Salteaux Band, under Kee-see-koo-wenin, at Riding Mountain, have done very well this year. Those of them that have farms have harvested good crops, and they have cut plenty of hay for their cattle.