

Lake, consisting of Tetons, Sioux, Yanktons, Mai-wakanton, Wap-eketon, Wapeton, and Minnie Conges. "The Man-that-runs-after-the-Panther" and "Two Dogs" are the leading men at Prince Albert; "White Cap" at St. Laurent; and "Drunken Ox," of Iron Dog's Band, at Duck Lake. They were not in want until the cold weather set in, as they were getting ducks and other small game, and many of them found employment harvesting and threshing; their means of subsistence are in a manner at an end for this year; about half of the number might find employment and would be an acquisition to the settlements for the winter, but the settlements are too small to employ so many. I had an interview with "Drunken Ox," of the Tetons, at Duck Lake on the 7th instant. He stated that his chief, "Iron Dog," was at the Sand Hills, on the South Branch with sixteen lodges, and intended to come to Duck Lake in the spring. In answer to my question as to how he intended to live at Duck Lake this winter, he said that their women would work for the settlers and the men would hunt; I advised him to send word to "Iron Dog" not to come to the settlements, as he must see that the settlers could not find employment for all that were there now, and if they expected to get any assistance from the Government they would be more likely to get that at Wood Mountain or Cypress Hills.

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

JAMES WALKER,  
*Superintendent.*

Lieut.-Col. J. F. MACLEOD, C.M.G.,  
Commissioner.

#### REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT HERCHMER.

SHOAL LAKE, 7th January, 1880.

SIR,—I have the honor to report that during the year ended 31st January, 1879, I have had four remounts of horses in my command. Two horses have died, and one horse was cast and sold, and one colt born. Three of the remaining horses are unfit for active service, and I would suggest that they be cast and sold by public auction.

The harness room has been finished and is found to be a great convenience. A root-house has been built, and a picket fence erected round the hay yard, and the whole of the buildings fenced in.

The buildings are now all complete with the exception of a bake-house and guard room; the latter is greatly needed, the present accommodation for prisoners being insufficient and very inconvenient. The buildings are standing well, but would be warmer and effect a great saving of fuel if plastered outside.

We have had four prisoners undergoing sentence during the year, as per enclosed return; two of them effected their escape, but were recaptured. We have also served sixteen warrants.

Enclosed return will show number of carts examined and quantity of liquor passed by permit. On two occasions liquor was spilt, there being no permit, and two arrests were made for smuggling liquor into the North-West Territory.

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

W. M. HERCHMER,  
*Superintendent.*

The Commissioner of the  
N. W. M. Police Force,  
Fort Walsh.

Forwarded,  
JAMES MACLEOD,  
Commissioner.