

ined, however, the flour, sugar, coffee, and other supplies on hand at both agencies and in the store-house at Cheyenne. They were all of fair quality. Both the agents agreed that it would be better to provide baking-powders instead of saleratus, as the Indians do not know how to use the latter properly.

The commission took particular pains to inquire into the quality and weight of the beef furnished by the contractor during the current fiscal year. The testimony of many witnesses, and the personal observation of the members of the commission, convinced them that the cattle have been remarkably excellent in quality, size, and condition, and that their average weight has been, on the whole, considerably above that required by the contract. The average weight required by the terms of the contract for the six months beginning July 1, 1873, was eight hundred pounds, while the cattle actually delivered at Red Cloud agency during the time regarding which the incumbency of the present agent enabled him to testify, weighed on an average as follows:

*First six months.*

Date.	No. of head.	Average weight.	Total.
August 8 .....	20	1,050	21,000
August 15 .....	383	1,010	386,830
September 1 .....	483	1,040	502,320
September 15 .....	561	1,056	590,056
October 1 .....	647	1,063	687,761
October 15 .....	633	1,043	660,219
November 1 .....	290	993	287,970
November 15 .....	410	963	396,470
December 1 .....	507	975	494,497
December 15 .....	508	946	480,568

The average weight required by contract during the six months beginning January 1, 1874, was one thousand and fifty pounds, while the average weight delivered was as follows, viz:

*Second six months, up to date.*

Date.	No. of head.	Average weight.	Total.
January 1 .....	312	904	282,310
January 11 .....	330	881	290,856
January 21 .....	340	1,002	340,908
February 2 .....	356	993	352,508
February 15 .....	300	1,016	305,064
March 7 .....	350	1,063	372,050
March 23 .....	271	1,053	285,425

These latter figures are below those required by the contract, but not as much below as those for the first six months are above. The whole average has been in advance of that which the contract demanded.

The terms of the contract for the Whetstone agency are the same as those for the Red Cloud, viz, an average of eight hundred pounds for the six months beginning July 1, and an average of one thousand and fifty pounds for the succeeding six months. The average weights actually delivered have been as follows:

*First six months.*

Date.	No. of head.	Average weight.	Total.
July 12 .....	332	942	303,324
July 23 .....	725	1,048	759,800
August 15 .....	444	1,052	467,088
September 1 .....	460	1,059	483,000
September 15 .....	530	1,005	532,650
October 15 .....	1,056	1,047	1,105,632
November 25 .....	655	950	622,250
December 12 .....	355	915	324,825