

are very much wanted

They have not sufficient farming implements. Prairie breaking ploughs are of no use, as the ground here is rocky. They want 10 more ploughs - and hoes which are very useful but very scarce. Would like hand mills at Birch river or Oak Mountain for their wheat & barley - Want seed potatoes for 3 years after which they could supply themselves. Their grindstone is worn out and they would like another.

They ask for assistance in the shape of food during seeding time, and the Chief asks for food in winter when he travels amongst his tribe.

The supplies given them are good in quality but badly damaged by exposure - Loss of flour from this cause upwards of 10 percent. I saw the bags & their statement was quite correct. They were just the same as at Cumberland. I saw here the contractor Maggs. He brought all the flour re from Grand Rapids in an open York boat, and had no tarpaulins to cover the freight when it rained.

They ask for some simple medicines & surgical instruments to be placed, for their use, either at the Hudson Bay fort or at the mission -

Their reserves have not yet been surveyed.