

Escorts were furnished during the payments made at Eagle Hills and Moosomin's reserve by the Agent. At Cumberland the payments were made by our men.

The Indian Agent has expressed his entire satisfaction with the assistance afforded.

In the Calgarry District one officer and ten men were sent to the Blackfoot reserve to act as escort and to assist in the payment of the Indians.

Escorts were also furnished at the other reserves when required.

In the Qu'Appelle District Superintendent Walsh reports that on the arrival of "Little Child," "Sparrow Hawk," and "The-man-that-took-the-coat's" bands he furnished four four-horse teams to convey Indian chiefs from Qu'Appelle to their reserve at Indian Head, which had been selected for them.

Superintendent Walsh also assisted the Indian Department by furnishing them with four teams to transport the Indians to their reserves, and on request gave them the services of a non-commissioned officer for one month to act as Assistant Indian Instructor on the Assinaboine reserve. On the return of the non-commissioned officer a very complimentary letter was received from the Indian Commissioner respecting the manner in which the duty had been performed.

The money for the Indian payments in the northern district was brought from the sixth siding of the Canadian Pacific Railway to Qu'Appelle, and Inspector Griesbach, with an escort of seven men with eight horses, conveyed this money to Battleford and Carlton.

The money for treaty four, was escorted from Qu'Appelle station to Fort Qu'Appelle and handed over to the Indian agent there.

Escorts and assistance were given the agents at Indian Head, Pasqua's Reserve and Mud Lake, during the payments.

Throughout the Territory our surgeon's and hospital stewards have given medical attendance to the Indians, and have vaccinated a great number.

GENERAL POLICE WORK.

Our police work during the last year was very great. This has been largely caused by the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, which employed upwards of 4,000 men during the whole summer, some of them exceptionally bad characters. I am, however, happy to report that, owing to there being no liquor obtainable, very little trouble was given us by them. The difficulty of preventing whisky being supplied them by disreputable characters entailed a great deal of extra duty on the force. Where large amounts of money are being expended among such men as railway navvies it was to be expected that many attempts would be made to supply them with liquor. Had this not been effectually stopped, I fear I should have had to report a large number of depredations as having been committed. I venture to state that it is unparalleled in the history of railway building in a western country that not a single serious crime has been committed along the line of work; and I would also add that it is a matter of the utmost congratulation to the Government, inasmuch as it must reflect great credit in the enactment and carrying out of laws well calculated to suppress crime.

Horse stealing has been committed very frequently; in many cases the offenders could not be caught and punished, they taking refuge across the line. However, every effort was made, and with no little success, as will be seen in the appendix to my Report.

The behavior of the Indians for the past year has been, on the whole, good.

It is utterly impossible for me to give all the details of the police work throughout the different districts, but a short sketch of one or two instances will serve to illustrate the important, and at times trying, duty performed, and may not prove uninteresting.

In concluding my annual report of last year, I alluded to correspondence submitted relating to trouble that occurred in January of last year with the Blackfoot Indians or their reserve at the Blackfoot Crossing. This trouble you will remember