

officer reports that the industry of the Indians surprises him, and that their work in ploughing and fencing their fields was well and willingly done. As on the Black-foot reserve, so also here—wire has had to be used for fencing. None of these Indians joined or sympathised with the insurgents. Their head chief, Red Crow, exercised a good influence over them. This chief deserves special commendation for his loyalty and general good conduct. Tobacco was more than once sent from some of the disaffected half-breeds or Indians, in the hope that he would smoke it, and thus indicate a disposition to assist the rebels. The staunch old chief, however, on each occasion, returned the tobacco and declined to listen to the messages sent him. Some of the young men, however, whose martial ardor was fired by reports from the north, left in small parties for the United States, but none of them joined the rebels. A few of these Indians were employed as scouts to watch the frontier.

These Indians number two thousand three hundred and ten souls.

There are two schools in operation on the reserve.

The Piegan Indians, whose reserve is situated on Old Man's River, near Fort McLeod, have also had good crops for the past two seasons. In fact, they had more potatoes last winter than they could either use or sell.

These Indians remained loyal and peaceable during the troubles, their chief, Eagle Tail, who has, I regret to report, recently died, setting them a good example in this respect. The population of the band is nine hundred and forty-two.

On the two reserves last referred to there are three hundred and seventy-one acres under tillage, from which fifteen thousand one hundred and eighty bushels of produce were raised and eighty-five tons of hay cut in the autumn of 1884. The Indians on these reserves occupy two hundred and ninety-nine dwellings, own four barns and stables, have in use one thousand four hundred and ninety implements, and one thousand eight hundred and two heads of live stock.

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The Indian bands and reserves in these parts of the Territories were, until quite recently, under the supervision of two agents, being distributed in the following manner :—

<i>Indian Head Agency.</i>	Souls.
Day Star's band, Touchwood Hills.....	113
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