

He has succeeded in securing the esteem and confidence of the Indians under his supervision so thoroughly, that no complaint whatever was made against him in my interviews with them. His reports and general correspondence are clear, concise, and comprehensive, and will compare favorably with similar productions of the most efficient officers of the Department in this Superintendency. The payment of annuities was correctly made in accordance with his instructions, but he neglected to vaccinate the Indians, or to obtain an analysis of arrears due those who were absent from previous payments: these omissions were probably attended to afterwards. Mr. Leveque, of this office, accompanied him as an assistant, in order to initiate him into the official routine of his duties.

The Cumberland Reserve.

On my arrival here the Indians held a council, which I attended. They represented that in consequence of their expecting the Government to grant them a suitable reserve for agricultural purposes elsewhere, their school house was still unfinished, the cultivation of their rocky, unproductive gardens neglected, and their general prosperity seriously retarded.

One of the Councillors, with eyes suffused with tears, stated that unless another reserve were given them, whereon sufficient food for themselves and families could be produced, they would certainly perish with hunger.

If another reserve is allotted them, they request that their cattle and other movable effects be transported there by the Government for them.

The school, ably conducted for several years by the Rev. Mr. Davies, was closed, owing to his having resigned on the 30th of June, but the services of Mr. Beddome were secured and it was reopened shortly afterwards.

The Pas Reserve.

I started for this reserve on the evening of the 30th July, and arrived here early on the following morning, having travelled eighty miles by canoe during the night. The councillor in the absence of the chief, specially requested that everything stipulated by treaty be supplied them. I informed them that instructions to that effect had already, been given to the agent to make requisition for those articles.

The school, which had been vacant since the marriage of their former teacher, two years ago, was about to be reopened by Mr. McDonald.

The school house at the Big Eddy is thatched, lathed, floored and mudded, and only requires a door and windows to complete it. They urgently requested that a teacher be supplied them immediately, as their children were growing up in ignorance, never having enjoyed the advantages of education.

It is difficult, however, owing to its remoteness from the settlement, to induce a competent teacher to accept the situation.

The school house at Birch River is still unfurnished, in consequence of its being impossible to find any person willing to undertake its completion for the amount allowed for that purpose.

The Indians living on this portion of the reserve were very grateful when informed that they would receive their supplies and payments here in future. Their gardens were larger, but owing to the drought prevailing in the beginning of the season, the appearance of the crops was not very promising.

The Moose Lake Reserve.

I met, by appointment, the chief and councillors at Chimahwawin, where a portion of the band live and have a reserve. They informed me that their cattle all died from various causes, excepting two animals. Nine dwelling houses were built during the year, and two school houses were partially completed.

The schools recently established on the respective reserves, and conducted by Messrs. Settee and Lindsay, have made but little progress yet. The Indians have