

away, that they have not the foresight that other people have to provide for the future. The British Government have always, since they have had anything to do with the Indians of this country, made it part of their policy to take care of them and to protect them, and up to the present time we do not know of any difficulty that has arisen under that policy. We find them in the war of 1812 fighting side by side with the whites against the enemies of England, and up to the present time I do not think we have had any difficulty with them, and would not to-day if they had not been badly advised. I hope the time will soon arrive when they will peaceably take to their reserves and devote themselves to the cultivation of their lands and try to support themselves. It is a serious question what we are to do with the Indians, and it is one that has to be met by Parliament. I do not advocate feeding men who are not willing to do anything for themselves—able-bodied men who could work if they wished to do so. The Rev. Mr. Young, who has been referred to, has lived amongst the Indians for a number of years, and he advises that they should be all moved to the north, towards the Beren's River. I should like to see the Government try to drive those people to the north—to drive them away from where they were born and brought up, and their fathers before them! If they were driven north, I do not think they could be kept there very long. Mr. Young says 200 policemen would be able to take care of them if they were all put together in the north. However, I think they will find it a difficult matter to keep them there; they would be like a flock of sheep. When one would break out the rest would follow. In the spring of the year the farm instructors are authorized to give the Indians who will work on their land tobacco and tea. That is a present to encourage them to provide for themselves. It might be well perhaps for hon. gentlemen to hear what is the cost of this food that is provided in the different localities. It is no secret, but many would be surprised to learn how expensive it is:

TREATY NO. 4.

Flour. Beef. Bacon.

Birtle	.04c.	.16c.
Indian Head ..	.02 7/8	.14 1/2

TREATY NO. 6.

Prince Albert...	.03	.17 1/2
Carlton	.03 1/2	.17 3/4
Battleford	.04 1/4	.18
Pitt	.05 3/4	.18 3/4
Snake Hills....	.06 9/10	.18 3/4
Edmonton	.06 1/2	.18 7/10
Peace Hills....	.06 1/4	.18 1/2

TREATY NO. 7.

Blood Reserve....	.04 1/4 c.	.11 1/2 c.	.15 9/10
Piegan Reserve...	.04 1/4	.11 1/2	.15 9/10
Blackfoot Reserve.	.03 7/8	.11 1/2	.14 7/10
Sarcee Reserve...	.03 1/4	.12	.14 9/10

Those seem to be very high prices, but everything in that country is expensive, and has to be paid for at high prices. No doubt, in the near future, this will be changed as the country is settled and farm produce becomes more plentiful and the Indians raise more produce of their own, and the Government will be able to give them more food for the same amount of money. I have often wondered why it is that in the North-West country, where grain is so plentiful and so cheap, the farmers have not taken to raising pork more than they have done. However, they manage their own business, and I cannot manage it for them. This Indian question is of vast importance now, and if I have detained the House a little by my remarks I hope hon. gentlemen will excuse me. It is desirable to have the information which is the subject of my inquiry, and I will conclude by asking the Government whether they intend to make any more treaties in the North-West of the same nature as those which have been made up to the present time?

HON. MR. OGILVIE—Before anything further is said, I would like to confirm a great many of the statements of the hon. member from Belleville. There was a difficulty about bacon and pork at the Blood reserve just about the time I was there, in August. I then saw good bacon, meat that any of us would be glad to have on our tables, distributed to the Indians, and I have seen the Indian chiefs look at it and pitch it contemptuously away from them, saying, "no good, no good."

HON. MR. KAULBACH—Where was that?