

garth had to leave all his goods behind, and they were being taken by Indians before his eyes, while he was getting the horses and waggon ready to make a start.

“The Indians, in their madness, destroyed everything in their way. Seed grain was emptied out and mixed with flour and bacon. Cattle were killed by the dozen. Mowers and reapers were smashed, and wheels of sulky rakes cut to pieces. Tools and implements were wantonly destroyed. The scene after the surrender is almost indescribable, and the loss to the Government in cattle, implements, seed grain and provisions is tremendous. Of the latter, there were enough on the reserves to last till the end of June.”

By the time the insurrection was quelled the season was too far advanced to admit of much of a crop being planted. Some barley, potatoes and turnips were, however, sown on each reserve; and the greater number of the disaffected Indians returned to the reserves and engaged in farm work.

The Indians of the eleven bands in the Battleford agency occupy one hundred and forty-four dwellings, own thirty-seven barns and stables, have under cultivation one thousand two hundred and nine acres, have in use six hundred and eighty-five farm implements, and two hundred and eighty-one heads of live stock. They raised, in 1884, two thousand nine hundred and seventy bushels of produce, and cut eight hundred and eighty-five tons of hay. The value of the fish caught, and of the furs captured by them, is estimated at \$1,800.

There were, before the troubles occurred, schools in operation on the reserves of Red Pheasant, Poundmaker and Chief Moosomin.

No report or returns have been received from Frog Lake, owing to the fact that the Indian agent for that locality was massacred by a member of the band of Big Bear, called Wandering Spirit, who subsequently paid the extreme penalty exacted by the law for his crime.

There are ten bands of Indians in the district, distributed as follows:—

Big Bear—number of souls in band, according to last year's Census.....	494 souls.
This band has not, as yet, settled upon a Reserve.	
Sekas kootch's band, at Onion Lake	} 221 do
Pay-moo-tay-ah-soo's band, at Onion Lake.....	
Sweet Grass' band, do	
Thunder Companion's band, do	
Wee-mis-ti-coo-si-ah-was-sis' band, at Stony Lake.....	} 217 do
O-nee-pow hay-o's band, Frog Lake.....	
Pus-he-ah-ke-win's band do	
Ke-he-win's band, Long Lake	145 do
Ki-noo say-o's band, Cold Lake.....	123 do

Total population, according to census of 1884, 1,200