

(Buffalo River)

to the sick. Here also a request was made for a medical man. There is, I understand, an attempt being made to get a resident medical man stationed at Isle a la Crosse, his salary to be paid partly by the Provincial Government and partly by the Department of Indian Affairs. Petitions to this effect I understand have been handed to Mr. Nolan the local member for that district, both by the white and non-treaty population and also by the Indians. If this could be accomplished it would indeed be a boon for the residents of those parts, as I am given to understand that gonorrhoea is on the increase in those parts, and I am sorry to say among our Indians also.

Complaints are made by the Indians against white trappers setting out poison baits, carelessly leaving the baits out and not even taking them up when they move away. Consequently animals eat them and die. Thus many animals are destroyed. I advised them to lay such cases before the constable at Isle a la Crosse who would no doubt take the matter up if they had a good case against any white trapper who was carelessly using poison.

The band shows an increase of three over last year. The census shows 11 births, 10 deaths, 1 non-treaty brought into the band by marriage, and 1 boy attending the school at Beauval, who was never paid by Mr. McKay, and whom I took into the Band this year without arrears. This is the son of No. 63.

There is talk of the Department of Marine and Fisheries putting a stop to fall fishing in those parts. While no doubt this is a good thing as far as conserving fish goes, it is going to hit our Indians hard. At this time, they put up fish for their winter use, and for

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