

Assissippi Mission, Church of England. This will be more familiar to you as "Hinds' Mission." Mr. Hind being away on leave of absence to the old country, the mission is now in charge of a Native Missionary. The school is taught by a full blooded Indian and a pupil of Mr. Hind's. Being Saturday the school was not in session, and the teacher was away, I had, therefore, no opportunity of gaining information regarding it. The church possesses a fine property here and has a beautiful little church upon the shore of Sandy Lake. Attracted by the excellent quality of the land and the proximity of timber, a good many settlers have located in here, between the reserves along Snake Creek, and I believe one settler intends bringing in a grist and saw mill. Should he do so, it will prove a great boon to our Indians.

*Indian Office, Carlton.*

I took a close inventory of the goods on hand, weighing over the bacon and other provisions. I found the stores in good condition, but the storekeeper found difficulty in keeping them away from the ravages of mice, these Hudson's Bay forts being infested with them.

I examined the books, and went carefully over the receipts and issues, and the balances agreed with the stock, excepting in bacon, which showed a slight shortage. This was easily accounted for by the usual shrinkage, and here the percentage of loss was less than is usual for fat bacon through a summer. I found copies, bills of lading, quadruplicate vouchers and receipts carefully filed and docketed, and the entries in the books corresponding with them; also, all letters received each month were backed, docketed and filed away.

I found the following books in the office, well kept and posted up to date by the clerk, Mr. Gardiner: Register of—cattle, implements, tools, twine, ammunition, &c. given to Indian bands; Ledger for accounts of receipts and issues of stores—separate account for each farm and reserve; Books containing copy of farmers' monthly return of implements, cattle, farm work, provision return; Cattle record and register of all cattle and horses in the district and their location; Letter Book, with register of letters and synopsis of subject; Register of letters received, subject and action; Letter Book containing copy of all statements; Voucher Book, containing number, voucher, amount, and to whom and for what issued; Daily Provision Book, contains all issues made in small quantities at the Indian Office, giving the reason of the issue; Order Book, from which an order is given upon the issue of any stores.

*Okenasis and Beardy Bands.*

I left Carlton for Duck Lake on 15th October. Both of the above bands had a number of large stacks of grain, about forty between them. They also had nearly all their land fall ploughed.

Okenasis was building a granary and storehouse; it was a good building, 14 x 20; he was very proud of it, and expected to have sufficient grain when threshed to fill it. Beardy had, for a wonder, no complaints, and said he began to see there was a living for him out of the ground. Although the land of this reserve is light, it is easily worked and yields well. It is early in the spring, and the grain being sown early, ripens before autumn frosts set in. The root crops were excellent, and secured for the winter.

*Farm No 8.*

The crops upon this farm were very good this year. I examined Mr. Tompkins' books and found them well kept and correct, the receipts agreeing with the Carlton books. October 16th, I visited with Mr. Agent Rae and Instructor Tompkins.

*One Arrow's Reserve.*

A headman named "Crowskin" is in charge of the Indians, the chief being too old to manage his men. He offered to resign, and I told him if he chose to give up