

The Indians within Treaty No. 3, on the Lake of the Woods and Rainy River districts and in the country east of the latter region, who principally subsist by fishing and hunting, are gradually beginning to cultivate the soil and build school houses; they are making improvements on their reserves generally.

I regret to have to state that a favorable Report cannot be given of the Indians near Portage La Prairie, in Treaty No. 1, but as Mr. Paul Kane has this year been appointed farming instructor for these bands, it is hoped that hereafter a more favorable report will be made of them. The Rosseau River Band was added to Mr. Ogletree's Agency during the past year. A great number of Rosseau Indians are very intemperate and indolent, and as a rule lead a vagrant useless life, and although they have one of the best reserves within the Superintendency, very few of them reside on the reserve or cultivate the soil. A yoke of cattle will be given them next spring to encourage them in husbandry. The members of the St. Peter's Band of Indians, Treaty No. 1, are making rapid progress in husbandry, having 550 acres under crop this year. The Broken Head River Bands have made considerable progress during the past year; these last two mentioned bands being under the supervision of Mr. A. M. Muckle, who deserves great credit for the interest and time he has devoted to their instruction in agriculture. Mr. Joseph Kent, who had charge of the Fort Alexander and Black River Bands, has resigned, and I have recommended that the Fort Alexander Indians may be placed under the charge of Mr. Muckle, and that the Indians of Black River on Lake Winnipeg be included in Mr. A. McKay's Agency, in order that all the Indians of Treaty No. 5 may be under one Agent.

The Indians of this Superintendency, who are interested in Treaties 3 and 5, express great satisfaction at having the residue of their reserves surveyed; Mr. W. A. Austin, D.L.S., being at present engaged in surveying the reserves in Treaty No. 5, and Mr. A. H. Vaughan, D.L.S., in Treaty No. 3.

I am unable to give the exact amount of annuities paid this year to the several bands of Indians within this Superintendency, as Mr. Agent Ogletree has not completed the payment to the Swan Lake Band, they having refused to receive payment on the reserve.

The annuity payments in this Superintendency, together with the vital statistics pertaining to the Indians under the several treaties, are shown in the following table:—

Band.	Treaty.	Paid by	Amount Paid.	Variation in Number from 1881.	
				Births.	Deaths.
			\$ cts.		
Rosseau River.....	No. 1.....	J. P. Wright.....	3,150 00	19	9
Brokenhead, St. Peters.....	1.....	L. J. A. Levéque.....	12,199 00	91	78
Fort Alexander and.....					
Black River.....	5.....				
Sundry Bands.....	2.....	H. Martineau.....	4,960 00	46	24
do.....	3.....	Geo. McPherson, sen.....	5,415 00	43	21
do.....	3.....	R. J. N. Pither.....	7,400 00	47	39
do.....	3.....	John McIntyre.....	2,075 00	12	8
do.....	5.....	Angus McKay.....	16,455 00	103	119

All the supplies mentioned in the contract schedule of last spring were supplied by the Hudson's Bay Company on the dates fixed, in good order and condition, with the exception of the agricultural implements, which were only delivered at a few points up to the dates fixed for delivery; and as no complete returns have as yet