

Nothing prevents all of our Indians from being settled on their reserves, except our incapacity to furnish enough material for agriculture. They are all desirous of settling, but have not the wherewithal to enable them to commence farming.

An endeavor was made by traders to introduce gambling on some of our reserves, but as the first men detected in it were summoned before a magistrate and fined, a stop was put to it.

An attempt to intimidate the cattle keeper of One Arrow's Band was met by the prosecution of the man who threatened him, and the imposition of a fine had a good effect.

It may be well now to present to you such information as is not included in the accompanying statement, relative to the different bands of this agency.

#### *Beardy's Band*

is still in a pagan state, and receives no religious or other instruction. Though a large number of children are of an age to attend school, there is no teacher upon the reserve. It suffered greatly last year from the cost of its threshing, but this will be lessened, or entirely done away with, now that a machine has been furnished. Owing to the lack of proper root houses, a large portion of the seed potatoes and root crops were lost last winter, giving rise to a necessity for a fresh supply of seed by the Department. This was not called for, however, as the Hudson's Bay Company lent what was required. The recurrence of such a loss is being guarded against by making a good root house on the reserve, in which the seed will be stored in future under the care of the instructor. A glance at the statement appended hereto will show the increased amount of land brought under cultivation.

A fanning mill, carts or waggons, ploughs and other implements, are needed. The loss incident to wear and tear must be made up, or inability to continue operations will ensue.

The grain crop, though sufficient to supply some of the necessaries of life, is yet far too small to provide provision for all of the band, and to enable it to procure other articles that are needed.

The low prices of last winter were also disadvantageous and discouraging in effect.

#### *Okemasis' Band.*

Generally speaking, the preceding remarks apply to this band. Its members are Roman Catholics; but, being poor, have no regular religious instruction. You will observe that it requires a school; and it may be pointed out that, on account of the proximity of the reserves of this and Beardy's band, one school might be made to serve for both, thus holding out an opportunity for learning to forty-eight children.

The houses of the band are small, but cleanly kept; and in the care of their houses and persons which these people are beginning to evince, may be seen the dawning of a belief in the practicability of securing a permanent and comfortable livelihood.

#### *One Arrow's Band.*

It is pleasant to be able to report that rapid progress has been made with this band during the present spring. Little has been done in building, though their houses sadly need improvement,—as the amount of provision supplied has not more than sufficed for carrying on field work; but it may be safely stated that if the means for work are provided, this band is now ready to avail itself of them, and is willing and anxious to do so.

A very good effect was produced on the band by the steps taken to punish the members of it who endeavored, by illegal measures, to break through the regulations made by its Instructor, with my sanction. His authority is now acknowledged.