

APPENDIX.

LIST OF HORSES recovered by N.W.M.P. at this Post, and returned, during 1879:—

To Mr. Cooper, of Coal Banks	11 head.
U. S. Authorities.....	8 do
Poplar Creek Agency.....	2 do
Mr. Gesler, of Ft. Custer.....	4 do
Mr. Boyle, do	1 do
Mr. Wertz, do	2 do
Mr. Abbott	2 do
Mr. Deux Saints.....	2 do
Total.....	27 head.

Number returned to this post by U. S. Authorities during 1879:—

For "Sitting Bull"	2
Total.....	2

J. M. WALSH,

Supt. Commanding Post.

Wood Mountain,
16th December, 1879.

Forwarded JAMES F. MACLEOD,
Commissioner.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT CROZIER.

FORT WALSH, 29th December, 1879.

SIR, - In accordance with your memorandum of the 3rd instant, I have the honor to report as follows:—

On the 3rd of May last, being then in Ontario, I received a despatch from you ordering me to proceed to Toronto to make contracts for the supply of rations and forage for the recruits and remounts that were about to assemble there prior to leaving for the North-West, and to attend to other matters in connection with the service, until your arrival in that city. I performed this duty as directed; and on your arrival in Toronto, and until the departure of the drafts from Fort Benton, Montana, for Fort Walsh, did duty under your immediate instructions and command.

On the 19th June I was ordered by you to proceed to Fort Walsh from Benton, with the recruits and horses, consisting of 1 officer, 80 men and 73 horses, together with a detachment of 1 officer and 7 N.-C. officers and men that had been sent from Fort Walsh to await the arrival of the drafts from Canada, at Benton, in all numbering 3 officers, 87 N.-C. officers and men and 80 horses. Owing to the very heavy rains that had prevailed for some time previous to our departure from Benton the roads, particularly at the commencement of the march to Fort Walsh, were very heavy; during the march there was also a great deal of rain, yet, notwithstanding the fact that the men were entirely unaccustomed to the somewhat disagreeable duty they had to perform, they did it well and heartily. The party arrived without a casualty at Fort Walsh on the afternoon of the 24th June, having accomplished the journey, a distance of about 160 miles, in 5½ days.

Nothing of importance transpired at this post from the 24th June until your own departure on the 6th July, unless I may mention that there were a considerable