

Returning to Carlton, I at once proceeded to take stock of the Indian stores, and examine the books. Mr. Gardner is in charge and receives and issues all supplies.

*Battleford District.*

I arrived here on July 19th, and proceeded first to Farm 11, at the Eagle Hills. Mr. Payn is the farming instructor. His charge consists of the Red Pheasant Band of Crees, and Mosquito, Grizzly Bear and Lean Man's Bands of Stonies. With the exception of five acres of oats and a good vegetable garden, the land at this home farm has been placed in crop on account of the new Stonies. One field of thirteen acres of potatoes is alike creditable to the instructor and the Indians, being free from weeds and well hilled up. I took an inventory of stock, provisions, implements, &c., on the farm, and found Mr. Payn's books accurately kept, although they did not agree with the Indian office books.

*Red Pheasant's Band.*

These Indians have been settled on their reserve six years, and on account of their proximity to Battleford, which, in earlier times, was the headquarters of the Indian Department in the North-West Territories, they have had much attention paid to their wants; but I find them little further advanced than they were two years ago, having grown apathetic, and, more than any Indians within my knowledge, show they only work because they are obliged to. I think the establishment of a flour mill in the district would cure this, as they will attach more value to farming as soon as they can have the products of their labor turned into a substantial article of food, and a market is opened for their surplus grain, giving them an opportunity to purchase clothing.

*School.*

The school near Red Pheasant's reserve has been established six years, and is in charge of Robert Jefferson, who receives £70 sterling a year in addition to the Government grant. I was not fortunate enough to find the school in session, therefore cannot report upon the progress of the pupils.

*Mosquito Band.*

This band has been farming three years and has made very good progress. Their crops look remarkably well, and, judging from the new land broken, they show that they are preparing for a larger crop next year.

*Grizzly Bear's Band and that of Lean Man.*

This is the first year's farming for these two bands of Stonies, and with the exception of seven acres of barley, their crop has been put in on the old home farm. The barley was put in on new breaking, late, and I am afraid it will not amount to much. They have made good progress in erecting houses and huts, and with continued liberal support, I have great hopes of their future. The principal chief, Grizzly Bear, is a young and energetic man. There has been much sickness and many deaths in these bands during the past year, the change of food from beef—which they received in the south—to bacon, doubtless being the cause of much of it. The Rev. Thomas Clarke, C.E., incumbent at Battleford, who has general supervision of the schools, on behalf of the Church Missionary Society in the district, purposes establishing a school on the reserve as soon as he can find a suitable teacher.

*Farm No. 12.*

The instructor here, Samuel Ballentine, has proved himself to be an excellent man for the position, his management of Indian and farm work, first with Pound-maker's band and this year with Strike-him-on-the-back's band, being very successful. On this latter reserve a large area of new land has been broken, which, together with