

greatly help them to get into the proper way of supporting themselves, which they were anxious to do.

I asked them if the Indian agent often visited them to see how they were getting on. They replied that they never saw him except once a year when he came to pay the treaty money, & he left as soon as that had been accomplished. The agents were new men every year, and always promised to report their complaints, but they had never received any reply.

I told them that I would faithfully represent all that they had told me to the Government, who I was sure were in ignorance of the facts that they had stated to me. I also said that I was quite satisfied that the Government were most anxious to fully carry out their treaty obligations, and were very desirous that the Indians should be carefully looked after by the agents appointed for that purpose, and that they had appointed lately, an Indian Superintendent W. Dewaney, whom I had seen a few days before at Carlton, and who had been appointed specially to look into all such matters, and see that proper attention was paid to the Indians.

They expressed themselves as very much pleased with what I said to them, and hoped that the representations which I promised to make for them to the Government, would prove to have more