

## APPENDIX B.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT S. B. STEELE, COMMANDING  
MACLEOD DISTRICT, 1893.

DISTRICT OFFICE, NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE,  
FORT MACLEOD, N.W.T., 30th November, 1893.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit this, my report, for the year ended 30th November, 1893.

I also enclose the reports of Assistant Surgeon Ayles, and Assistant Veterinary Surgeon Wroughton.

During the past season everything has gone on with almost monotonous regularity. There has been a slight increase in crime, as will be noticed from the enclosed classification, which shows a total of 190, against 135 of 1892.

A number of settlers have come in and located during the past year, especially in the southern section of the district.

The Mormon settlement at "Cardston" on Lees Creek, has increased greatly both in numbers and prosperity.

I am glad to be in a position to report favourably on the behaviour of both Bloods and Peigan Indians.

This year the Bloods held a sun dance as usual, but the Peigans did not do so.

From personal observation, and careful inquiry, I am convinced that the festival has almost entirely ceased to have any significance, except perhaps to the old people, last year very little interest was taken in the event, no braves were made, and many of the Indians themselves, did not even take the trouble to attend.

It gives me pleasure to add that a perfect accord exists between the Indian Department, as represented by their agents, and the police.

The United States Indian Department, through Captain Cooke, their agent on the Blackfeet reservation, and his predecessor, Major Steell, have rendered us great service, in assisting in the apprehension of criminals, recovery of stolen stock, etc., and I am only too glad to perform any service for them.

*Indians.*

Reports from the various patrols and outposts are to the effect that the Indians as a general rule, are quiet and well behaved.

The chief complaints that have been made against them are for entering houses situated on the route between the reservations and the timber.

Parties of Indians go out to cut timber, without any white person being in charge of them, and a few bad cases, who hang around the camp but will not work, often enter houses, during the temporary absence of the owner, and help themselves to clothing, provisions, etc. The same individuals work well during the haying season, when they are under the orders and supervision of their farm instructor, and I think that clearly shows that all that is required to prevent crime of the nature I have mentioned, is that Indians be prevented from roaming at will throughout the country, and that all parties who visit their timber limit, be accompanied by, and under the charge of a responsible head, a white man if possible.

On the 31st of May last, three Blood Indians were proceeding from their reservation to the Foot Hills for the purpose of cutting timber. They entered the ranch of one Cox and demanded food from Mrs. Cox, who as it happened was alone in the house at the time. Mrs. Cox gave them bread, and they asked for butter also; this Mrs. Cox