
and requisitioned as occasion may demand. I fully endorse his recommendation. Under the present circumstances, it is very difficult to establish a system of diet for the sick. While the fever raged at Fort Walsh the expense for canned goods was disproportioned to the requirements, even with every effort to economize. A liberal supply of such goods from Canada would be, not only a boon to the sick, but a question of economy.

Last summer I wrote a special report on the advisability of introducing beer and spirits into the force. My report was favorable to the project, with certain restrictions relative to spirits. In taking this step it was not without mature forethought on my part. Up to that time I had refused to write officially on the matter, but after an experience of nearly six years in the force, I am fully persuaded that the introduction of a canteen, under strict regulations, as practiced in the regular army, would add materially to the comforts, morals and efficiency of the force. I need not again write at length on the subject, but desire to recall your mind to my special report, and ask that it receive serious consideration.

During the year, buffalo being absent from the neighborhood of Cypress Hills, the Indians were forced to seek a living in the Milk River region, on the American side of the boundary line. The drug expenditure for them was therefore almost *nil*.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

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