

Though he 's not an arbitrary ruler, but leaves his subjects to their own desires, yet his influence cannot fail to have the desired effect.

It made me feel sad, a few days ago, to lose from our school two fine little girls, one of them particularly bright and interesting. They were but eleven or twelve years of age, yet they were sold by their parents as wives to old men fifty or sixty years old. I expect they were the highest bidders. They are fond of their children and very indulgent to them, yet for a supply of tea and tobacco they will often part with their dearest.

With regard to the clothing, the only suggestion I have to offer is that a good deal of it be sent unmade. A few weeks ago we got a box from Nova Scotia, containing two webs of cloth. It appears the ladies gathered the yarn, coloured it the same colour and got it woven. Though it does not please the Indians as well, yet I believe it will be more profitable to them than any other box we received. Our object should not be so much to please them as to benefit them. If they got their own way they would do little else than smoke and drink tea the whole day.

Mrs. McLean cuts the cloth for them and teaches the women to make coats, vests, pants, etc. As she worked four years at tailoring, she is equal to the task. Besides teaching them to make their own clothing and encouraging industry, it has a tendency to make them appreciate the clothing to a greater extent, and as it costs them an effort they will be more careful of it. I would suggest that the unmade clothing be sent at the beginning of the season, before their wants are otherwise supplied. As they can already knit well, yarn would be more beneficial to them than socks and mits.

Thanking you again for your abundant supply of clothing and kind interest in and prayers for our welfare, and desiring a continuance of the same.

Extract from Rev. G. A. Laird's.

COTÉ'S RESERVE.

Our work nearer home is full of interest. The clothing has been just what the people needed. It is very much appreciated. We trust such gifts will incite them to greater industry, so that in time they will be able to provide comfortable clothing for themselves. If possible, in future we would like some of the clothing sent unmade, so that the women may have something to