

consequently they were at a stand-still. A more competent teacher was appointed in the person of Miss Julia Murray, and the result is very satisfactory. Anderson has not the number he originally had in the lower school owing to high water. Several families were obliged to leave, the lower part of the reserve being much flooded. Fields and large patches of cleared land cannot at present be cultivated.

An epidemic of measles was prevalent during my visit here.

According to instructions dated Winnipeg, 3rd July, No. 4327, I reinstated the councillor, Samuel Sumner, of Fairford, who was deposed in 1880, by the unanimous wish of the chief, councillors and the band, and whose dismissal was sanctioned by Mr. Taillefer, who was then acting in the capacity of Indian agent during my temporary indisposition.

LAKE ST. MARTIN.

The members of this band expressed to me a wish to have their reserve extended westward with a frontage on Lake St. Martin. They have abandoned the idea of having their reserves on both sides of the Narrows of Lake St. Martin.

The chief has informed me that he and his band are highly pleased to have a school and a very competent teacher in the person of Francis Storr. They purpose building a school house this fall.

According to instructions received from the Department of Indian Affairs, through the Winnipeg office, dated May 8th, 1882, No. 4,085, regarding the killing of a government cow by councillor David Marsden, in summer of 1881, I have dismissed him from his position as councillor, and the band have selected another one in his place. The chief and the band are pleased with the action taken by the Government in the matter.

LITTLE SASKATCHEWAN.

There is evidently a marked improvement in this band since my last visit. Their gardens are looking very well, promising a very fair yield of potatoes for their work. They are going to build houses for themselves and also a school house this fall.

The cattle also are in good condition; one cow was injured last spring having fallen on the ice.

The school was kept as regularly as could be throughout the year.

CRANE RIVER.

This little band expressed themselves pleased with the five head of cattle supplied them by the Government, and on inspecting them, I found them in good condition and increased by one calf. They have good stables and any quantity of hay. A very much larger crop will be secured this year owing to the numerous parcels of land they have cleared. Potatoes are plentiful. They also have some barley, corn, onions, turnips and carrots.

WATER HEN RIVER.

This band have now completed the school house in course of erection during my last visit, and are now only awaiting windows and furniture to have it ready for occupation. They have also made a very nice fence around the building. I made the payments inside the building this year. The Department have promised an additional sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25) making in all seventy-five dollars (\$75), with the fifty dollars (\$50) already supplied by the Hudson's Bay Company by an order from the Department. The building is worth about \$150 in its present condition which is very encouraging, showing that they can, if they choose, show a good return for the help given them by the Government. I have inspected the gardens, houses, stables, &c., and found progress in everything since my last visit. They have planted mostly potatoes, corn, turnips and onions, which promise a good yield. Good milk and butter were to be purchased here.