

book, contains issue of provisions to travelling Indians, or any small issues made directly from the Indian office; Provision and implement book, contains all receipts and issues of same; Register of vouchers, contains list and number of all vouchers, where issued, subject and name of party to whom issued; Card containing the names of all employed in the district, how and where employed, rate of wages, and date of engagement; Cattle register, contains a description of every animal in the district, its location, and if loaned to an Indian, the name of the Indian and the band he belongs to are recorded.

To the Indian Agent, Mr. Reed, his clerk, Mr. Quinn, and Mr. Carney, the store-keeper, every praise is due for the faithful and efficient manner in which they have discharged their several duties.

I arrived at Carlton on the 10th October, where I met Mr. Rae, the sub-Agent for the district.

*Mistah-mah-sis and Ah-tah-kah-koop Reserve.*

These Indians have been settled for four years and have made good progress. They do not show the rapid advancement of some, but it may be solid, the first enthusiasm has worn off, and there is some slight danger of their having reached the height of their ambition (which is not high) unless the supervision is continued. From the large grain stacks and the large pits of potatoes, I was able to see their crops were good. These chiefs had no complaints whatever, but they earnestly pleaded that they might receive Government assistance for some time longer, giving as a reason that the better farmers they became, the less inclination and the less success they have in hunting.

I was much disappointed in finding they were not engaged in fall ploughing, and am afraid it will show next year, by causing their crops to be late sown, and thus be caught by the early frosts in the autumn. It was too late at the period of my visit to make up for lost time. I lectured the chiefs regarding it, but as the period when they would suffer for the negligence was so far off, they took the matter complacently.

*The Home Farm, No. 10, Mr. Chaffy, Instructor.*

Between these reserves is a valuable property, the buildings alone are worth a good deal of money, having been built almost entirely with Indian labor at times when they could not work on the farms. I examined the live stock, implements and stores, and found these correct as per inventory. I found Mr. Chaffy's books well kept, with the issues entered regularly, and the receipts entered therein agreed with a memo. of the same I had taken from the books of the Indian Office.

*Pettequaakey Band.*

These Indians have not made much progress compared with the other bands. They are further away from the Instructor, and, on this account, as well as their general indifference to work, they are not much further advanced than they were a year ago. There is a Catholic Mission, but no school. The Priest resides on the reserve.

*Schools.*

Armada Mission, Presbyterian, under the charge of the Rev. John McKay, is on Mistawasis Reserve. Miss Christina McKay, his daughter, teaches an Indian school there. It was after four o'clock when I arrived at this point, the school had therefore been dismissed for the day, but I examined the roll and found 25 scholars thereon. She informed me that six were reading; in the second book, and nineteen in the first book. The school house has only recently been erected; it is a good, well finished log building, Miss McKay was evidently taking great interest in her work, and spoke cheerfully of the advancement of the children.