

boys at present (average 12 years of age). Our most pressing needs are clothing of every description, especially flannel shirts, under vests, or jerseys, drawers, socks and stockings, mitts, toques and bedding, viz., quilts, blankets, etc."

*From Mr. D. W. Wood, Rainy River, to Mrs. Hagar, Secretary, Grimsby Branch, after acknowledging receipt of barrel of clothing, says:—*

"Were it not that I have had much experience amongst the Indians in other fields I should be disheartened in my work. That experience has taught me that the conversion of these people belongeth to God. What appears to be a change of heart is often superficial." He deprecates the evil habits of the white man in his neighborhood and says, "After the Indians had received their treaty money persons came and sold them whiskey, which caused all the evil dispositions to appear, fighting, bloodshed and injury. In mostly every instance they bought only a portion of the whiskey and took the remainder, knowing that the smuggler was not justified in selling it, for which act they could be condemned, yet it leads them to lightly estimate the evil of pilfering, from which annoyance I often suffer."

*From Rev. J. Hinchliffe, Piegan Reserve, to Miss Bate, St. George's Branch, St. Catharines:—*

Speaking of the bale sent he says, "It reached our mission safely and I cannot tell you how very pleased we all are with it. We have just admitted 2 new boys, and the shirts just fitted them. We gave them outfits from your bale. I thank you more especially for the nice new boots. We cannot make boots yet, and they are very expensive in Macleod, I can assure you I was delighted to see them. Dresses, night-dresses, petticoats, stockings, pieces of material and slate pencils—all will be very useful. Will you please give my best thanks to the members of St. George's W.A. for the splendid little bale (there was not a single useless article in it) and also for the P.O.O. to cover the cost of freight."

*From Rev. W. G. White, Whitefish Lake, to Juniors of All Saints' through Mrs. Lemon.*

"Will you thank the members of the Junior Branch for their bale of most useful articles. The quilt and sofa cushion are about the nicest things I have received this year. The youngsters will be delighted with the toys at Christmas. Unfortunately the bugles got squashed but I think I can mend them. The bags will be much appreciated, also the scrap books. Travelling here is rather different to what it is in Hamilton. In summer we get about on horseback. I ride my horse 'Rex' and hire others from the Indians to freight my goods. In winter I travel with my dog-train—they are called Corbear, Tip, Coolie and Berm. When I am travelling I give them a fish and a half each day and sometimes two fish, and when they are doing nothing one fish or a fish and a half each day. These dogs will draw from 200 to 400 lbs.