

Once the white man's Government breaks a promise or a treaty, the Indian has no further faith in him. With the Indian it is once false always false. The Government of the United States, through its agencies, has robbed and oppressed the Indians for years ; and solemn treaties have been broken without scruple whenever white cupidity led to a desire for Indian lands. The Indian Bureau has been a rank offence in honest men's nostrils for a generation, and the agencies have become stations where the natives were plundered in the name of the law and with the backing of soldiers. The result is to be seen in South Dakota now. In Canada I found an old man and his son in charge of an agency 400 miles from any settlement. They had lived there that way for years, and were surprised that anyone should suppose their position dangerous. I saw an Indian who had murdered his wife brought in 100 miles over the plains under no escort but that of two mounted policemen. No one thought of such a thing as an attempt at rescue. The Indian was given a regular trial, just as a white man would have had, and was defended by the Catholic priest of the station, who was learned in the local law. I never heard whether he was convicted or not ; but I was struck by the marked difference in the treatment of the case there from the manner in which it would have been handled in this country."

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To the Editor of the Canadian Indian :

SIR,—In an article on "Father Lacombe and Chief Crowfoot," taken from the *Toronto Mail*, and published in the CANADIAN INDIAN, there are several mis-statements made, as also errors in opinion given. The writer says: