

used to be, and that their fur catch was small last winter. He also says he is urging his people to enlarge their gardens, and grow more potatoes, "for the time is coming when the fur we used to live on will be a thing of the past, and we will have to look to something else for a living."

I found living on this reserve a halfbreed, who had erected a pool table and was running a pool room. The Chief complained of this, and of his young men, making the night hideous with noise, going home from this pool room. I therefore ordered this table dismantled and not to be erected again. I saw the table dismantled and stored away; and left instructions with the chief, if it was again set up to tell Const. McBeath of the S.P.P. at Ile a la Crosse who would look into the matter. These Indians have a bunch of native ponies, some 15 in number, and a few cows which they have purchased themselves.

BUFFALO RIVER From Canoe Lake we returned to Ile a la Crosse, and went on west to Buffalo River where Clear Lake Band is settled, or where they meet in summer for the Annuity Payments. This Band is Chepewyan, and number 202 members, which, compared with last year shows a decrease of 7. Here we found much sickness, and the doctor was kept busy while I was paying treaty. Syphilis has got in among these people, and they are consequently suffering from the disease. The doctor's annual visit is of no benefit

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