

"F" Division.
Northern Sask. District.

Hudson's Bay Sub. District.
Port Nelson Detachment.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Ref. No.

Port Nelson, Manitoba.

August 17th, 1923

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa, Ont.,
Through:-
The Officer Commanding,
"F" Division R.C.M. Police.
Prince Albert, Sask.,

Sir:-

I have the honour to report that I paid Treaty at Fort Churchill on August 6th, 1923, the majority of the Band were present. The Fort Churchill Band maintains its off reported reputation of degeneracy, there are a few of what appear to be desent men among them but for the most part they are below the generally accepted type of an Indian, the Chief remains as formally Chief in all that pertains to his rank, he is undoubtedly the best of a sorry lot. It would be I think correct to say that this band had a bad year, early in the Spring many of them came into the Hudson's Bay Post just about starving and were assisted from the Destitute rations supplies. The fur catch was I understand rotten most of them returning from their hunt with very little fur. A few families were absent from Treaty and are away in the interior about 400 miles West (Deer Lake). Deer have not been plentiful and while a few families have obtained food, others have starved. It was decided unanimously to have the present Chief and Councilors to remain in their respective ranks. I am submitting next years Requisitions for Destitue supplies to which I have attached the weekly ration issue for orphans and widows from which it will be seen that the supplies asked for are greatly needed. Doctor H.A. Hart of Montreal was not present at Treaty, but came into Churchill as Ship's doctor on board the S.S. "Mascopie", at my request he very willing examined all cases of disease and sickness; I beg to bring to your knowledge the very satisfactory and thorough manner in which Dr. Hart performed this dpty. I beg to reccomend that the Destitute rations asked for for the coming year be approved.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

B. J. Stanger Sergt.
R.C.M.P.
Acting Indian Agent.

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