

3<sup>rd</sup> They stated that in previous years they had been supplied with 12 barrels of pork - but this year they had only received 6, or one half, and did not know why the supply had been cut down.

4<sup>th</sup> They complained of the condition in which their supplies this year had been handed to them - It appeared that the contractor, Mayo of Winnipeg, brought these supplies to Craud Rapids in a schooner, & from there up the Saskatchewan in open boats - The flour, which was in very thin factory cotton bags, was very wet - came out in big cakes - and the bags were so bad that much of the flour was lost - The tea was also damaged by wet, and the tobacco was also wet and partially mouldy - They did not complain so much of the quality of the supplies as of the bad condition in which they were delivered - I went into the store to look at the goods. The flour bags were quite unfit for the purpose - Those that had been used were all torn to pieces and a great deal of flour was sticking to the remnants - In feeling the bags not opened, it was evident the flour was very much caked by wet. The contrast between these bags and the H. B. Co's flour bags in the same store was very marked.

These formed the complaints they had to make - They added that they would very much like a farming instructor to be sent to them, as it would