

*Frog Lake District.*

I arrived at this district on the 1st of October. The sub-agent, Mr. Quinn, was on the eve of commencing the annuity payments. Mr. Dickens was present with a detachment of Mounted Police. On the following morning the payments commenced, the different bands taking their money without any ceremony. There was an unusual number of traders, from Battleford and elsewhere, attending the payments, consequently goods were cheap. The Indians showed great discretion in their purchases, buying generally articles of clothing, blankets and household utensils. Quite a village has sprung up adjacent to our farm agency, the Roman Catholic Church having established a mission and a school, the Hudson Bay Company a permanent trading post, grist and saw mills are in course of erection, and other traders speak of putting up buildings and settling permanently. These will all prove a great boon to the Indians of the district. The new buildings authorized by the Department, for the accommodation of the agent, have been commenced, and the dwelling house will be ready for his occupation soon.

*Farm No. 15, John Delany, Instructor.*

A few acres of the old home farm have been reserved for the use of the agency, and the remainder has been taken up by band No. 120 (Machao). This band have been farming for the past three years at Stony Lake, about eight miles distant, where they had a few houses and twenty-two acres of land broken. They number, according to this year's pay sheets, one hundred and eight souls. They put in crop on the old home farm, six acres of wheat, twenty-one acres of barley, eight acres of potatoes, three acres of turnips, one acre of carrots, and other vegetables. The wheat was badly frozen, and will not yield much; the barley partly so, it will probably yield two hundred bushels fit for seed; the potatoes yielded one hundred and twenty-one bags, or only a few more than the seed planted, which was of the objectionable variety, known as "Lady's Fingers." This band put up about six tons of hay.

*Band No. 121, "Ne-paw-hay-haw," Chief.*

This small band (sixty-five souls) has twenty-five acres of land broken. Their crop planted this year was twelve acres of barley, eight acres of potatoes, and four acres of oats. The latter did not vegetate at all. The barley was badly frozen, and the potatoes yielded three hundred and three bags. They have four dwellings, two stables and fifty tons of hay in stack.

*Band No. 122, "Chief Puska-ah-go-win."*

This band has gradually dwindled away. They now only number thirty-one souls. They have broken eighteen acres of land, and had a crop—of wheat, three acres this is good, and will likely yield fifty bushels; ten acres of barley, one-half of which is very good, the other injured by frost; the yield will probably be one hundred bushels; four acres of potatoes yielded one hundred bags. They have two dwellings and one stable.

*Band No. 123, Chief "Kee he win."*

In 1883 this band numbered one hundred and thirty-eight souls. One Beaudreau, a native of the country, was placed in charge of their farming operations this summer. They had in crop twenty acres of barley, which was reported looking well just before harvest; six acres of potatoes did not do well; the reason given was that the seed planted was not a good variety; an acre or two of turnips and carrots promised a good yield. The Indians have ten dwellings and two stables. Beaudreau built a dwelling and storehouse, each eighteen by eighteen feet, of spruce, with thatch roof. The agent purposes keeping him there all winter, more particularly to look after