Indian would be obliged to pay as much as the seller could induce him to. On the other hand, the Indians had little money and not very much trade material, and to me it seems absurd -- as it does to you -- that the Indians could have paid as high as $100 -- even in fur -- for a magazine rifle.

In the 70's I spent much time in the West and saw many Indians. Very few of them were armed with Winchester rifles.

I repeat the impression that I have just given you, that from the point of view of the men who were fighting them, the Indians were poorly armed.

Yours very truly,

(Signed)
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