

be continued until the Indians are able to support themselves,' therefore by the treaties of 1868 and 1876 our ox teams, cows, wagons, agricultural implements, schools, annuity goods and subsistence are all provided for, and the new act (the Sioux reservation bill), which contemplates the cession of some 11,000,000 acres of our present reservation, simply offers what is clearly due us, and our right under the existing treaties, with the exception of a loan of \$1,000,000, which it proposes to place in the United States treasury at 5 per cent per annum (\$50,000 annually) one-half of which is to be expended for educational purposes (already due) and the other half to be divided pro rata among those interested, which would be about \$1 a year for each man, woman and child."

Before leaving for Washington the chiefs bought dusters, and were proud as commercial travellers.