

Visit to St. Paul of Old-Time Indian Agent Recalls Days of New Ulm Massacre of Whites.

Bloody Indian battles of Minnesota's early days were recalled in the visit here last week of Major James McLaughlin, early-day Indian Agent of the Northwest.

----- he recalled that it was just 60 years before - April 13, 1863, that he arrived in St. Paul. From here he went to North Dakota where he became an Indian Agent at Devil's Lake in 1871.

From Devil's Lake he was transferred in 1881 to Standing Rock agency, and it was while he was at this post that he had under his care the band of Sioux of which the famous medicine man of the Sioux, Sitting Bull, was the chief. Sitting Bull, after he had been forced to return from Canada with a handful of the followers who had gone with him shortly after the Custer massacre at the battle of the Little Bighorn, June 25, 1876, surrendered in July, 1881, at Ft. Buford and he and his band were placed in the jurisdiction of the Standing Rock agency under Major McLaughlin. From that time until the time of the great chief's death, he and Maj. McLaughlin were on intimate terms.

Contrasting Sitting Bull with Chief Gall of the Uncapapa Sioux, Major McLaughlin is quoted as saying ----

" Gall was much superior in intellect to Sitting Bull, and it is pretty common knowledge that he was the real warrior genius of the campaigns. Sitting Bull got his following for his crafty ways; he was a diplomat and more or less of a trickster, whereas Gall was straightforward and possessed of unlimited courage. -----"