

There are several points of difference between the actual circumstances of the visit and the account given by Mr. Larpenteur.

Mr. Larpenteur mentions the fact that he saw the notice of the arrival of the party in the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

The Pioneer Press for October 10, 1888, the date on which the party arrived at St. Paul, did not and could not carry any notice of the arrival of the party. This is an early morning paper, issued before the arrival of the Indian party. The account of the party's visit appeared on the morning of the 11th. The St. Paul Despatch for October 10, 1888, did, however, carry such an account. This would have appeared after the party had left. However, the papers for two weeks before the arrival of the party in St. Paul carried items relating to the progress of the party. It would appear then, that he got his information from those earlier dates. Above all, one must take into consideration the fact that Mr. Larpenteur was recording these events after a lapse of at least twenty years, and it is not surprising that he may have forgotten the minor details of such a meeting.

Mr. Larpenteur states the the party stayed at the Merchants Hotel while in St. Paul.

Actually, the party was at the Sherman House. Again, it is entirely possible, in fact probable that Mr. Larpenteur's memory has played him a trick. At the time that this account was written, Mr. Larpenteur was well up in years, and it is notoriously common that aged people remember ~~the~~ personalities better than they do the localities, or places, where they have had experiences. So, I think we may pass over this discrepancy.

Aside from these points, I think the two accounts can be reconciled. If you are in possession of any information to the contrary, I will be most delighted to alter my views on these minor points.

The De Smet report mentioned will not be of any particular value to you, for it is, I am convinced, a repetition of the speech quoted in his travels. It does not include a description of Sitting Bull, beyond some description of his actions while at the council.

The Gere Papers do not include anything of value in regard to Sitting Bull, although they do provide much local color in relation to the uprising of 1862-3 in Minnesota.

The Aiton Papers are also valueless. They are composed of letters written by Mr Aiton to his wife, and Mrs. Aiton to him. The early years carry some reference to Indian education at Kaposia (present day South St. Paul), but I could not see how they could be used except in a very general way as background material for Indian education in