portion of this history, it will be most convenient to refer here to a second

wave of Siouan immigration, which occurred almost simultaneously with the

transfer of the Government from the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba and his

North West Council to the resident Lieutenant-Governor and Council provided

for in the Act which came into force on October 8, 1876.

Dakota was at this time the home of a large Siouan population. Into

their midst suddenly came a throng of more or less lawless immigrants,

greatly excited by the discovery of valuable gold deposits. The races

clashed and the unpardonable brutality of the whites precipitated a serious

Indian outbreak in 1876.

The Indians were under the leadership of a number of distinguished chiefs,

of whom the most noteworthy was Sitting Bull. At the Battle of Little Big Horn

on June 25, 1876, Sitting Bull outgeneraled his foes. He succeeded in

cutting off a detachment of cavalry consisting of two hundred and sixty-

four men, under the command of General John Armstrong Custer. This regiment

was absolutely annihilated. To avoid further fighting, Sitting Bull and his

warriors then withdrew to Canada, where he attempted to secure the support of

the Canadian Indians, but the recent Indian treaties and the admirable conduct

of the North West Mounted Police checkmated their plans. Indeed, Sitting

Bull himself conceived the heartiest admiration for the Canadian police.

When Sitting Bull first came into the country there were with him only

about one hundred and fifty lodges. He was presently followed, however,/p.183/

by many other bands until they totalled some seven hundred lodges, or about

five thousand six hundred souls.

During the dangerous crisis a great gathering of the Indian tribes was

held in the Cypress Hills. It was estimated that three thousand warriors

were present, representing the Peigans, Blackfeet, Bloods, Assiniboins,

Crows, Gros Ventres, and American Sioux. The eastern newspaper called upon

the Government to send troops into the West, but those familiar with the