view of the case, as he had been well treated in Canada, and would/p.189/ escape his destitution by an immediate return to the United States. To this, then, Sitting Bull finally agreed. Macdonell immediately accompanied the Indian chief to Poplar River, where they arrived next day, and met Major Brotherton, representing the American authorities. To him Sitting Bull gave up his rifle. Meantime, Le Garé had been collecting the Sioux whom his bounty had saved from starvation. They were taken by him, in carts, across the border and fed at his expense for a considerable time. Mr. Le Gare' states that his outlay in this connection amounted to eight thousand dollars. The important part played by Le Gare' in this entire episode seems never to have been officially recognized, and indeed, as far as I am aware, this is the first time that it has ever been made public.

However, the matter has been brought to the attention of the federal authorities on various occasions. In his annual report, dated February, 1882, Commissioner Irvine wrote as follows:

"I also wish to bring to the favorable notice of the Dominion Government the good and loyal service rendered by Mr. Louis Le Garé, the trader, who at all times used his personal influence with the Sioux in a manner calculated to further the policy of the Government. His disinterested and honorable course being decidedly marked, particularly when compared with that of other traders and individuals. At the final surrender of the Sioux, Mr. Le Gare' must have been put to considerable expense, judging from the amount of food and other aid supplied by him."

Two years after his return to the United States, in 1881, Sitting Bull settled at Standing Rock Agency. Rumors of a coming Indian Messiah, who would sweep away the whites, disturbed the Indians of Dakota for some years subsequent to this event. The Indian unrest was so acute that it was ultimately determined by the American authorities to arrest Sitting Bull as a precaution. This was done in December 1890. An attempt was made by his