

Ditto, over 16 years of age	26
absent at schools off reservation	
Males absent (prisoners at Ft Sully S.D.)	81
Males absent & believed to be at Pine Ridge agency	37
Total belonging to agency . . . . .	<u>1242</u>

There were 2275 horses, including colts, owned on the reservation on June 30-1890, of which number presumably, 400 were taken off by the owners during the stampede of December 15 last.

There are 27 regular and 20 special policemen on the payrolls \* \* \* and 20 military scouts now serving at the post of Fort Yates."

McLaughlin.

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In a letter dated Feb 18-1891, to Co, of Ind Affairs, McLaughlin says;

Report is absurd that there are 1500 stands of arms secreted by Indians near Fort Stevenson. "After the Custer expedition in 1876 Sitting Bull and his followers fled to Canada and every description of fire arm which was then in their possession was disposed of in Canada to obtain necessary food for their subsistence before the surrender in 1880 or 1881, so that it was impossible with the means they have had since to accumulate the number of arms reported to have been concealed."

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servt

James McLaughlin,

U.S.Indian Agent."