

boys were the same as his sons.

A chief's family was supposed to be always well-dressed. They were supposed to have the best of everything, clothing, furniture, horses, etc. because they were entertaining for the tribe.

The soldiers or scouts were something like the Canadian mounted police. They have the right to get after offenders and also punish them without any trial. If they know with their own knowledge and if they have seen with their own eyes that is sufficient. The soldier is supposed to know right or wrong. If he sees an offender he goes ahead without asking the chief or head man what to do. Then there are always old men who are the same as a committee who put their heads together in matters of tribal welfare and they have the chance to make rules and in case of a dispute they might refer the matter to the head chief. Then again there are others who work all these: soldiers, advisors, chiefs. If they want to raise a disturbance they go about and take the law in their own hands. But if they were found out the soldiers would make it hot for them.

There is one story that appears to be a general incident in this tribe. There was an Indian that had committed some offense and he was supposed to be tried by some Indian agent. He had rather let the Indians handle that case themselves so it was referred by the agent to the chief and the chief referred the matter to the committee. The committee turned it over to the soldiers. The soldiers inflicted punishment on the offender. I have forgotten the offense. That happened in the years of the Indians coming in contact with the agent. The soldiers decided to punish these offenders and formed rows on each side with all the Indian men, women, everybody lined up facing each other. They bring the Indian on horseback and if he could get through without being killed or knocked off he was free. They also supply themselves with clubs and whips and everything else. At the command this young man rode through the line.