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Supt. Walsh Report.

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On the 27th instant, I again visited his camp taking with me the "Black Wolf" (brother to the "Hump"—one of Gen Miles' scouts), also ~~requesting~~ "Long Dog," whom General Whistler, second in command to Gen Miles requested to see.

Generals Miles and Whistler had a long conversation with these two men, and requested them to advise their people to surrender themselves; informing them of the conditions on which they would be received, and the treatment they would ~~receive~~ with at the Agencies.

30th July—Capture of Half-Breeds by U.S. Troops.

This day two Half-breeds arrived from Milk River, reporting that Gen Limes ^{miles} had made prisoners of about 300 families of Canadian Half-breeds, and that they had been sent as messengers to request ~~me~~ to intercede with Gen Limes for ~~them~~.

I at once left for Gen Miles' camp, where I arrived the following day, and on interview with him, he kindly released 130 families who requested to go north.

16th August—.I proceeded this day to Wolf Point with a despatch for Gen Miles, and also to search for 5 horses run off by Yanktons from Mr. L. Morin of this place. I returned on the ~~21st~~ 21st instant.

On the 22nd instant, ~~in~~ of those Half-breeds retained as prisoners by Gen Miles, about 60 families were sent to Judith Basin and 70 families to ~~the~~ Turtle Mountain, both under escort of U.S. troops.

Page 16 ~~27th November.~~—Indians.

With in the last year very few buffalo have been on the section north of the line; consequently the Indians have camped the greater part of this time in the White Mud River.

It was the intention of many (perhaps 200 lodges) to put up during ~~the~~ autumn a supply of meat sufficient to carry them through the winter, and camp in Guilette's Coulee, six miles from this post, during the cold months; but ~~in~~ in this they could not carry out their wish owing to the ~~grass in the whole section having been destroyed by fire~~.

With the exception of Broad Tail and about 50 lodges, ~~the entire Teton camp~~ is now two miles south of the line on White Mud River, where they hope to be permitted to remain during the ~~winter~~ winter.

They were forced to this move to provide themselves with wood.

Considering the agitated state in which these people have been kept during the last year by Crow and other Indians stealing their horses and killing their young men while following the chase, and General Miles' expedition driving them from the hunting grounds of Milk River to the boundary line, their conduct has been extremely good; but ~~in~~ this conduct on the part of a great many is only reached by their ~~fear of being sent~~ back to the United States by the Canadians, in the event of their committing any depredation north of the line.

There are some very good people in this tribe, people whose constant cry is for peace and rest, and who will make any sacrifice to maintain it, yet there are others who ~~cannot~~ cannot be trusted.

Half-Breeds.

With the Half-breeds, like the Indians, the disappearance of the buffalo north of the line has forced a great number of them south of the line to Milk River, where they have erected houses and formed a village, consisting of 150 families.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

The Commissioner,
N.W. Mounted Police,
Fort Walsh.

Your very obedient servant,

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Supt. N.W.M.P.