

'that the heart of the White soldier will be sorry for us, and they will tell the great mother who will not let her children starve.' He said 'We are getting shut in, the Crees are coming into our country from the north, and the White men from the south and east, and they are all destroying our means of living; but still, although we plainly see these days coming we will not ~~xxx~~ join the Sioux against the Whites, but ~~x~~will depend upon you to help us.'

"The Chief then told me that the Blackfeet had told him to tell me that as we were willing to help them in the event of the Sioux attacking them, That they would, in case of being attacked, send two thousand warriors against the Sioux.

"I thanked them for their offer and told them I would inform ~~the~~ you of all they had told me, and that as long as they were quiet and peaceable they would always find us their friends and willing to do anything for their good.

"They expressed great satisfaction at all I had told them, and promised to do nothing without ~~first letting know~~ letting us first know, and asking our advice.

"I distributed some tobacco among them, and told them to let us know of any movements of the Sioux to the north.

"I left them on Friday last, camped altogether about 30 miles above the mouth of the Red Deer River. I brought the prisoner with me without any trouble, and arrived here this day."

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The country between the Cypress Hills and the Rocky Mountains, which has hitherto been claimed by the Blackfeet as their hunting grounds, has this year been encroached upon by other Indians and Half-breeds, causing ~~them~~ much ~~trouble~~ irritation among the Blackfeet, who have called upon the Police to protect them in maintaining their rights to their territory, saying that if they were not restrained by the presence of the police, they would make war upon the intruders.

The following extract from Report of the Assistant Commissioner, dated 30th May last, is evidence of the friendly relations existing between the Indians and the Police.

"I have the honor to report, for the information of the Minister of Justice, that when I was at Cypress Hills last week, a Piegan Indian came to ~~the~~ Fort Walsh, and reported that a Blood Indian ("Pox," or "Woman's Breast,") for whom I have a warrant for the murder of his wife near Fort Macleod, in the spring of 1875, was in a Cree camp about 30 miles from ~~Fort Macleod~~, in the spring of 1875 Fort Walsh.