

at Edmonton House, sent messages to Lieutenant-Governor Archibald in 1871. The reader may be interested in seeing a verbatim copy of these rather curious communications./p.214/

"Messages from the Cree chiefs of the Plain, Saskatchewan, to His Excellency, Governor Archibald, our Great Mother's representative at Fort Garry, Red River Settlement./p.214/

"1. The Chief Sweet Grass, the chief of the country.

"'Great Father: I shake hands with you, and bid you welcome. We heard our lands were sold, and we did not like it; we don't want to sell our lands; it is our property, and no one has a right to sell them.

"' Our country is getting ruined of fur-bearing animals hitherto our sole support, and now we are poor and want help—we want you to pity us. We want cattle, tools, agricultural implements, and assistance in everything when we come to settle—our country is no longer able to support us.

"'Make provision for us against years of starvation. We have had great starvation the past winter, and the smallpos took away many of our people, the old, young and children.

"'We want you to stop the Americans coming to trade on our lands, and giving fire water, ammunition and arms to our enemies, the Blackfeet.

"'We made a peace this winter with the Blackfeet. Our young men are foolish; it may not last long.

"'We invite you to come and see us and speak with us. If you can't come yourself, send someone in your place.

"'We send these words by our master, Mr. Christie, in whom we have every confidence. That is all.'

"2. Ki-he-win, The Eagle.

"'Great Father: Let us be friendly. We have never shed any white man's blood, and have always been friendly with the whites, and want workmen, farmers and carpenters to assist us when we settle. I want all my brother