

May 17, 1930.

Superintendent,
Indian School,
Portage La Prairie,
Manitoba, Canada.

Dear Sir:

I am engaged upon a life of the celebrated Sioux Indian, Sitting Bull. As you know, he was in Canada from 1877 to 1881, during which time he had some contact with the tribes there. Just what his contacts were - whether friendly or hostile, and to what extent - I am anxious to ascertain. May I ask your help?

I wish to learn the names of old Indians in your jurisdiction who might be able to inform me, and also the names and addresses of any old-timers of the white race who could help? Can you tell me where the headquarters of the various tribes in Canada now are - the Cree? Blackfoot? Red River Half Breeds, etc? Do you know any veterans of the Mounted Police who could inform me?

I am particularly anxious to get into touch with old Indians of the refugee Minnesota Sioux, and of the Nez Perces, if any of them are still up there.

Perhaps I had better add that I am an old Rhodes Scholar, and am fully aware of the superior management of Indians in Canada, as compared with our treatment of them down here. My book will deal with this side of the matter at some length, which will be all to the credit of your country. Of course I shall be glad to give you credit for any aid you may offer.

I am known since childhood by the name of my step-father, Campbell, but I write under the name of my own father, Vestal.

Please help me.

Faithfully yours,

W. S. CAMPBELL.