

May 30, 1930.

Indian Agent,  
Assiniboine Reserve,  
Sintaluta, Saskatchewan,  
Canada.

Dear Sir:

Mr. E. W. Stephenson of the Moose Mountain Agency has given me your name as one who might be able to help me in some research work I am doing. As it happens I am preparing a life of the Sioux Indian leader, Sitting Bull, who as you know fled to Canada in 1877 where he remained until his surrender to the United States army in 1881. I am trying to gather information from the tribesmen in Canada who had contact with Sitting Bull and his people during those years.

Very little has been published regarding those days and I am anxious to get firsthand information from the old men. May I inquire whether any old timers still live at your agency who may have known Sitting Bull during his stay in Canada? He was apparently in the neighborhood of Ft. Walsh and the Woody Mountains and sometimes near Ft. Qu'appelle and had contact with most of the tribes in the surrounding region. I shall be grateful if you can assist me in this matter. I intend visiting Canada again this summer and hope to talk with the old fellows myself. I shall be grateful for any assistance you can give me.

Yours faithfully,

STANLEY VESTAL.