

Under this treaty all of the Sioux, except Gail and Sitting Bull and the small bands accompanying them, who were at the time renegades along the Canadian line, at once, or very soon thereafter, became settled agency Indians and remain in that condition until this day. As will be readily understood, the making of a treaty was a forced put, so far as the Indians were concerned. Defeated, disarmed, dismounted, they were at the mercy of a superior power and there was no alternative but to accept the conditions imposed upon them. This they did with as good grace as possible under all of the conditions existing. Immediately following the signing of the treaties two of the commissioners, Dr. Daniels and Arthur C. Boone, started with Spotted Tail and ninety-four persons, representing the Brules and Oglalas, for the Indian Territory to examine the country and if possible spy out a southern home for the Dakota Sioux. They spent some time in the autumn looking over that section, but Spotted Tail was not pleased with anything he found and would not consent to a removal.

Before winter a large portion of the hostile element had come into the agencies and were pretty well provided with rations and clothing by the government. As we have seen, shortly after the battle of the Little Horn the hostile forces divided, Gail and Sitting Bull going north and Crazy Horse, going to the southwest, skulked about the Big Horn Mountains. Throughout the fall and early winter he kept up a constant communication with the Brules and Oglalas, and in February General Crook had learned enough of his situation to become convinced that if properly approached and solicited he would <sup>443</sup> come in and surrender. Therefore, in February, 1877, he, General Crook, induced Spotted Tail to go out to the hostile camp with a band of about 250 of the sub-chiefs and headmen of the Brules on a mission of peace. In the dead of a severe winter the old chief and his men made this long and dreary expedition to the camp of Crazy Horse, who, by the way, was a son of Spotted Tail's sister. Spotted Tail found large camps of the hostiles on the Little Missouri and Little Powder Rivers, and through his earnest efforts and continuous councils he succeeded in inducing them to bury the hatchet and come into the agencies. He