

The press of Manitoba even urged that a regiment of mounted troops, in addition to the police, should be sent to the North-West to avoid international complications and the interruption of trade.

From the above it will be seen the position in which the Police Force was placed. From 1877 up to the past year we maintained a supervision and control of the Sioux.
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It would need more time than I have at my command and force my report to assume too voluminous an aspect were I to give even a short summary of the perpetual state of watchfulness and anxiety we were kept in during these years, to say nothing of the hard service we were being constantly called upon to perform. Every movement of the Sioux was carefully ~~watched~~ noted and reported upon. The severity of the north-west winter was never allowed to interfere in the slightest degree with the police duty considered necessary to perform.

Already many reports, official and semi-official, have been forwarded through various channels on what was considered the vexed "Sioux question."

At one time many people were of opinion that "Sitting Bull" and his band of immediate followers would never be induced to surrender to the United States, the impression being that these undesirable settlers were permanently located in our territories. You are aware that ever since the receipt of the message and instructions contained in your telegram of the 28th October, 1880, I have been of opinion that eventually a surrender could be brought about. In last year's Report I wrote, "I trust that at no very distant date 'Sitting Bull' and his followers will have quietly surrendered to the United States authorities." Time has proved the correctness of my surmise. Since the writing of the Report from which the above is an ~~extract~~ extract, I have kept you fully informed of the negotiations carried on with the Sioux as well as the difficulties to be overcome, the intricate and delicate manner with which we had to deal with even the smallest details relating to their ultimate surrender. You are, therefore, conversant with the many complications that have arisen, all of which delayed materially the surrender so much desired, and, I am happy to say, eventually effected. You are also aware of the questionable and discreditable influence that was brought to bear by small traders and others in anticipation of inducing the Sioux to remain in Canada.

Of "Sitting Bull's" visit to Qu'Appelle, I have already informed you; on his return to Wood Mountain, he vainly ~~endeavored~~ strove to bring forward some ~~pretext~~ pretext by which he and his followers might remain on Canadian soil. Finally recognizing that nothing beyond right of asylum would be afforded him, this once ~~powerful~~ mighty chief left our Wood Mountain Post for the purpose of surrendering to the United States authorities at Fort Buford, U.S.

Almost immediately after Sitting Bull's departure from Wood Mountain, I reached that place; on arrival I instructed Inspector Macdonnell to proceed to Fort Buford, ~~and~~ notify the American authorities, and telegraph you on Sitting Bull's surrender. As I have previously reported, this officer carried out my instructions most satisfactorily.

The final surrender was made at Fort Buford, U.S., on the 21st ~~of~~ July last, in presence of Inspector Macdonnell.

Before leaving this subject I cannot refrain from placing again on record my appreciation of the services rendered by Superintendent Crozier whom ~~was~~ was in command at Wood Mountain during the past winter. I also wish to bring to the favorable notice of the Dominion Government the loyal and good service rendered by Mr. Legaree, trader, who at all times used his personal influence with the Sioux in a manner calculated to further the policy of the Government, his disinterested and honorable course being decidedly marked, more particularly when compared with that of other traders and individuals. At the final surrender of the Sioux, Mr. Legaree must have been put to considerable ~~expensive~~ personal expense, judging from the amount of food and other aid supplied by him.