

timber, water, and grass.

Under authority from the superintendent, Agent Simmons has already had additional buildings constructed, consisting of a warehouse, 100 by 25 feet, and two rooms for the use of the agent and employes, all surrounded by a stockade. An additional room of the same size, and another room for the interpreter, would furnish sufficient accommodations for the use of an agency for several years, and can be built at a very reasonable cost. This arrangement contemplates the boarding of the agent and employes at the mess-room of the fort, where they can be accommodated at \$25 per month, as they are at present. There are several good sites below Fort Peck, on the river, which would be suitable for an agency - one at the site of old Fort Galpin, five miles below, where the landing is bad during low water; one at the mouth of the Milk River, twenty miles below; and one at the mouth of Poplar River, seventy-five miles below. These several locations were alluded to by the Indians as being desirable places for an agency. In no respect, however, are they superior to Fort Peck, though either of them is probably as good, excepting as to the landing, which at Fort Peck is very good in any stage of water.

In regard to the census of Sitting Bull's camp, we cannot, of course, report anything definite from our own personal knowledge, as the messengers sent out failed to reach him. In a letter from Dr. Daniels, received since our return home, he reports that one of the messengers sent out from his agency to communicate with Sitting Bull, reports that there were four hundred lodges of Indians in the Powder River country, of which No Neck is the chief. Black Moon and Sitting Bull have their own family relations, twenty to thirty lodges each. There were many chiefs and head-men, who had a few lodges each, but all came together to make up the war party against the Crows. From inquiries among the Indians at Fort Peck, however, and especially of those Unkpapas of Sitting Bull's immediate family, it would seem that there were about seven hundred lodges under his command proper in the early spring. It is certain that there was, in the country now being traveled by him, a large number of Ogallala Sioux, Cheyennes, and Arapahoes from the Platte River, and Brules from Spotted Tail's agency. How many of these sympathize with, or have