

so much as he could cultivate to advantage, increasing the allowance in proportion to his advancement. I would by no means make them a pastoral people. I consider that such an attempt would be using money and effort in the wrong direction. Herders rarely have a common school for the education of their children, whilst, in a farming community, where they occupy the ground together in small holdings, common schools are easily maintained for the education of the children. They are then more closely under the supervision of the agent, and their instruction and development towards the life of the citizen can be carried on to better advantage. Make the Indian a herder and he must have his pony; he will have arms; and his natural instincts to roam will assert themselves beyond question. It requires a much larger area of country to support cattle than to support a farming community, and herders have to be fed nearly as much as farmers at first - I don't know but even more. It would be more difficult to follow them, for you would have to follow them. When the grass grows scant in one place the Indian goes where it is more plentiful, taking his tepees with him. It necessitates a roaming life, and that element better not be cultivated at present.

Q. Are these views peculiarly applicable to this post, or are they equally applicable to the Indian Territory or the Pacific Coast? A. - Now, then, I can go on. In the Indian Territory the facilities for cultivation are superior to those here; the climate is not so rigorous, and a greater variety of articles of food can be cultivated, therefore, I consider it more favorable for experiments of this kind than this place; but how it is on the Pacific Coast I cannot say; but my views apply to the country from Fort Buford down.

Q. Do they apply to all the posts in the Sioux Reservation? - A. Yes, sir; to the entire reservation.

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The Chairman (through Philip Wells, the interpreter). Who will speak for the Indians? (No answer). The Committee has waited as long as they can, so if any one wants to speak to us we will be glad to hear him, otherwise we will go to our boat and go down the river and see what the Indians down there have to say. (Running Antelope