

very much to have them so that we could cultivate the land. Now, this summer we have had, as you can see, very dry weather, and our crops are burnt out.

The Chairman. Shall we tell the Great Father that if he sends agricultural implements the Indians will begin to work and help themselves?

Mad Bear. There are a great many buildings that the Indians have built themselves. Some of these buildings have been standing two years and have no doors to them. They have been built, are waiting for the doors.

The Chairman. Is there anything else?

Mad Bear. That is all.

The Chairman. Is there any other Indian who desires to say anything to the Committee? If there is any other one who desires to say anything to the committee at this time, we will be glad to hear him.

High Bear. The Indians all want the Great Father to help them, and when such men as you come amongst them they have an opportunity of telling what they want so the Great Father will hear it. Some of them have told you what they want already. At Fort Rice, and since then, there have been councils such as we are having today. No matter how many Indians may talk to you they will only have one thing to say. The men that were here before you promised us that we should have such animals as we could raise; that every household should have a yoke of cattle and a wagon. But they have never received them, and they wish the Great Father to hear of it, and that is the reason of their speaking to you of it now. If the Great Father had chosen such men as you are - such honorable men - to trade with us for our lands in the past, it would not have been as bad as it is; but the Great Father sent men out here to talk to us who told us falsehoods and who beat us out of the land on the opposite side of the river. What they told us about the land across the river was one of the principal falsehoods. The people here are entitled to payment for that land. If we had got the pay for that land all of our people here would be able to become farmers and support themselves, as you ask them would they like to be. I suppose you have heard that the white men came and told us that the Great Father wanted to buy the Black Hills country, which is all iron, and we gave it to them. I suppose you have heard all that; and