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These two days I spent in copying the statistics from the agency books. They involve seven bands which have a different background -- three being agriculturalists in part, the others trappers. They are:

Muskeg Lake - Retaguakey's Band. By Farm Instructor Melvin's and Agent Davis's words, these are, "The best damn Indians in North America." They are very good farmers and hard workers. They give the Agent but very little trouble and seem to be just about an Indian Agent's acme of perfection -- at least as nearly that as any reserve can be. They are all Catholic.

Both in Melvin's and Davis's experience, the Catholic Indians are usually the best workers and better Indians all around. By the (?) of several other men in the department, the Catholic Indians are really the most devout or rather the more devout.

Mistawasis's Band. These are not as good farmers as the Muskeg Lake men and are not tractable. At the present time this band

is suing the dominion government for misappropriating Band funds. It seems that the government has been paying the Farm Instructor's salary, the medical and ration expenses out of the money that the Band received from the surrender of land. Encouraged by a Rev. Morse, the local missionary (whom I did not meet), they have instigated the suit and the case comes due in September.

NOTE: In making an analysis of these figures, one factor that you must take into consideration is the amount of money received as interest on Land Funds. At Pasqua (Qu'Appelle Reserve) the amount is \$40 per head. It is the same at Mistawasis's but has been higher. Thus Andrew Gordon draws \$480 every year, besides his \$60 treaty money.

Sandy Lake Reserve -- Atahkakop's Band. I drove through this reserve with Agent Davis who told me that these men were good farmers and could produce more wheat in one long field than grew in a whole reserve at Qu'Appelle where formerly he had been stationed. The difference lies in the amount of moisture. The land here is not better but gets enough water while that down south often dries out. These people are pretty far north and probably do quite a bit of trapping. Canon Hennekew (of whom more later) comes of these people and considers himself a Plains Cree. They are mostly Anglicans.

The four other bands I know not at all except for Kenemetage at Big River. But none of these four raise any crops, and only a few cattle -- they make their living largely by hunting and

trapping still. They have been little affected by reservation life. The Agent sees them but once a year -- to pay treaty and they get medical attention only when the doctor comes with the treaty party once a year. Emergency cases which run to about three a year are rushed out by airplane.