

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

REPORT OF THE INDIAN BUREAU.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE INDIAN AFFAIRS, NOV. 30, 1885.

The accompanying reports and statements from the several Agents and Teachers in the several Indian Reservations...

The New York Indians generally adopted agriculture and stock raising, and to a considerable extent, the habits and customs of their white brethren.

The treaty of 1851 with the Missourians, and that of 1854 with the Stockbridges of Wisconsin, released those tribes from their engagements to immigrate west of the Mississippi...

The small band of Oneidas, formerly of New York, remain in the vicinity of Green Bay, where they were placed by treaty of 1857.

As stated in the last annual report of my predecessors, I have no treaty arrangements with the Red Lake Chippewas, and a few other scattered bands of Indians...

The other Indians in Minnesota consist of the various bands of the Dakotas or Sioux, and the Winnegons, the latter of whom are reported to be doing well.

The principal body of the Sioux consists of the four bands of Med-wah-kan-toos and Wah-pah-coo-tahs, known as the Lower or Mississippi Sioux...

It was a small, uneducated and reckless band of these Indians that committed the murders at the Agency at Spirit Lake in May last...

The lands ceded by the Delawares, except the strip known as the outlet, for which they were allowed a stipulated amount...

It is expected that the Seminoles will soon remove within the district of country provided for them by the treaty with them and the Creeks...

The treaty of Jan. 31, 1855, with the Wyandot Indians, ending at the junction of the Missouri and Kansas Rivers, provided for their investment with citizenship...

Non-conventional arrangements have been entered into since the act of March 3, 1853, with the following tribes residing in Kansas...

Will be on the subject of payments to Indians. It has been called to the attention of the Commissioner of the Indian Bureau...

It is respectfully suggested that some definite action should be taken upon the treaty heretofore made with the Cheyenne, Arapaho and Kiowa and Shoshone...

A large tract of land in Kansas, years ago, set apart for the New York Indians, was then ceded to the Government...

This is the only practicable system for redeeming the wild, lawless and roaming tribes of the West...

The reports in regard to the four great north-western tribes—the Cheyennes, Creeks, Arapahoes and Kiowas—have been made and liberal appropriations have been made...

The Public Indians hold the tract which they occupy and cultivate by grants from the State...

The whole number of original Army pension claims admitted during the year, under all the acts in force...

The whole number of original Navy pension claims admitted during the same period was 5, amounting to the aggregate of \$9,464.50...

The whole number of pensioners on the various rolls on the 30th June, 1885, was 11,166, whose annual pensions aggregated the sum of \$1,146,000...

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