

April 13th

I have the honor to forward my report
for the Agency for the month of March 1898.
Buck Jones

The season was entirely nice during
the month as was the Eagle Ribs.

Russian, Rabbit, Henge Calf, Bull Calf.

Old Gelling up, and Medicine Shield Village.

I found the houses clean and comfortable

and the women employed at household

duties and making beadwork, more

interest is taken now than formerly in

house furnishing and every month

improvement is noted in the line.

Stock is in fair condition, but is now

feeling the effects of the long continued

cold weather and deep snow.

Mr. Varner Jones reports the hay supply

getting short, and unless the weather

breaks fears more loss. There were six

calves dropped during the month, and

six deaths reported. Two Bull Calves, one

owned by Good young man, one by Calf Bull

and one heifer Calf owned by Mary Bear.

Two heifers owned by Holy's and one by

Holy's. There have been previously

reported.

Hay was fed sparingly during the

winter, and Mr. Varner Jones reports

having killed the birds and seeing
that they received all the care possible
and that the winter holes were kept
properly open and in a safe condition,
it is to be hoped that the weather will
break soon, as there has been no previous
winter to my knowledge, as bad as the
present one for black.

The Indians have been employed mining
and hauling coal, hauling rail, and about
fifteen (15) Indians were employed by the
C. P. R. shoveling snow between Cherry
and Crofoot Station receiving the (15)
dollar per day for the work and giving
good satisfaction.

The following is the output of the mines
during the month.

C. Anderson one car	15 tons
Agency	5.
Form 20 a.	5.
State Eagle School	7.
Oil Poles	29.
San Tieme gear	5.
Smith	5.
Reynolds	3.
Hudson	3.
Selford	1.
Oriskany	1.

Total 79 tons

This amount was from the following mines.

Eagle Rch 36 tons

Oil Poles 29

Reynolds 3

See (10) Janis sold during the month to
John L. May, at an average price of \$100
dollar per head, light (10) tanned, but hides
were sold to Captain Miller. 2 (20) Then dollar
and fifty each for hide. The balances are still
in hand with the prospect so far for
disposing of them are not very bright. The
money received for the above has been
spent on de-hairing, clothing, etc.

Reed, Cole and Running Rabbit are intending
to buy four or five horses for the money earned
by them this winter. This reserve has
sufficient seed potatoes, but no seed grain.
Growing grain will be purchased by the
Indians. The winter should be
discontinued as the results are not more
attention can then be given to haying
and the care of stock.

Cold are very prevalent, but with this
exception the general health of the
Indians is good. No death during the
month. Many wounds of Consumption.
The Medical Officer visited the Reserve
twice during the month.

The conduct of the Indians has been good.
The Road Master of the C. P. R. & M. track,
complained of the practice of the Indians
going through the C. P. R. fence track,
at Mr John Lee's who keeps a store.

I informed the Indians that they would
be liable to arrest if caught interfering
or pulling down the wires, owing to the
deep snow they persist in going through
the snow, pulling down the wires, by clearing

as the track has given the place the
permission to put in the small gates, as
well as the Indians who desire to trade
with a way of going through this double
wall.

High House

The houses including the different villages
has been visited more times during the
month, and the houses were fairly clean
and the people were reported dirty,
but much more much improved.

The women were generally employed
tanning the hides and making them
into moccasins, doing bead work and
attending to their household duties.

The men have been employed hauling
coal to the mission, tanning and hauling
hides to the stores. Some are firing wood
to the mission. Some are being built by
the men. Tanning Rabbit, M. and Wolf.
Sixteen in this season is in fair condition.
Two ships owned by James Asplund and
brother Asplund and one ship were
killed and burned in for they having received
injuries from which the horses, the game
considered that they could not recover, and
which was reported at the time. Two Bull
and one horse others dropped during the
month. The Bull calf and one horse calf of these
were twins owned by Crooked Head. They
both are a good size and appear strong and
healthy. Mr. Asplund visits the herds daily
and gives constant attention to the horses
belonging

At the 1877 Medicine hat the
 reservation is the only the after with the
 was changed.
 The people in this and the of both census
 during the month. That is, from 1877 and
 during the month of an average of 2000 dollars.
 each to the same census and during and that
 again question the increased the number of people
 by the census in the 1877 is the same with some
 to be taken up.

I might mention that "Jack Royal" as the
 William Melan regarding the high air district
 school are doing well. "Jack Royal" is now
 employed by the C. P. R. Co. in the section at
 Harkness and is giving good satisfaction.
 H. Melan is employed as a surveyor, and
 besides doing his work at the agency. He
 is fair, well. There are no horses, which he
 does in a very satisfactory manner. He has
 earned a 100, fifteen dollars beside his
 monthly pay, and has paid for material
 25 dollars and nearly paid back.
 The case is brought up before me arising
 from improper relations between the wife
 of "John Hore" and "Royal", which was
 settled amicably. I gave "Royal" to understand
 that if he was guilty of such conduct again
 he would be punished, with this exception
 the conduct of the Indians has been good.
 Mr. John Melan rancher at Kamaka
 asked permission to graze his sheep on the
 portion of the reserve adjoining his ranch
 until the snow melts. I gave him this
 permission with the consent of the Indians.

