

sults. Under the conditions which Mr. Sells found on the reservation, wheat could not be ground into flour, nor the surplus farm products raised by the Indians marketed, for the reason that many of the Indians lived on the reservation 60 or 70 miles from the nearest railroad.

As a result of Mr. Sell's visit to the Tongue River Reservation, the industrial program was completely changed. He immediately authorized the erection of an excellent flour mill which will enable the Indians to have their wheat ground into flour, from which they will secure their bread. In order to provide a market for their surplus hay and other surplus farm products which the Indians could not sell on account of being so far from a railroad, these products were purchased and fed to a large number of weak cattle and 280 head of steers. The surplus was fed to the cattle at a large profit. The result of the experiment of feeding the steers on hay throughout the winter can best be determined by the following comparisons of the prices of steers fed, with the class, age, and grade of steers permitted to run the range without feed: Average price received for steers fed hay during the winter, \$126; average price received for steers of the same age and grade that were not fed hay during winter, \$108.

While the result of the cattle feeding has been gratifying and profitable to the Indian Department and the Indians, the providing of a market for the surplus farm products has resulted in much more good. The Commissioner's plan has fully demonstrated that stock raising and agricultural pursuits go hand in hand.

The providing of a market for the Indians' surplus farm products and the erection of a flour mill has within the past six months induced the Indians to more than double their farm activities.

Encouraged by the market provided for the sale of their hay, the Indians have recently purchased forty new mowing machines and twenty hay rakes, and are putting forth unusual efforts to harvest a large hay crop.

It is believed by those who are acquainted with the Northern Cheyenne Indians and their country that if the present plan of increasing and feeding their stock is continued and the Government continues to aid them in providing a market for their surplus farm products, their hard times are past and the tribe will soon be rapidly traveling the road to civilization, self support, and prosperity. The results speak for themselves.—Clay, Robinson & Co.'s (Chicago) Live Stock Report.