

CHAPTER VII.

THE REVISION OF TREATIES NUMBERS ONE AND TWO.

WHEN Treaties, Numbers One and Two, were made, certain verbal promises were unfortunately made to the Indians, which were not included in the written text of the treaties, nor recognized or referred to, when these Treaties were ratified by the Privy Council. This, naturally, led to misunderstanding with the Indians, and to widespread dissatisfaction among them. This state of matters was reported to the Council by the successive Lieut.-Governors of Manitoba, and by the Superintendent of Indian Affairs. On examination of the original Treaty Number One, the Minister of the Interior reported that a memorandum was found attached to it signed by Mr. Commissioner Simpson, His Hon. Governor Archibald, Mr. St. John and the Hon. Mr. McKay, purporting to contain their understanding of the terms upon which the Indians concluded the treaty. This memorandum was as follows :

Memorandum of things outside of the Treaty which were promised at the Treaty at the Lower Fort, signed the 3rd day of August, A.D. 1871.

For each Chief that signed the treaty, a dress distinguishing him as Chief.

For braves and for councillors of each Chief, a dress : it being supposed that the braves and councillors will be two for each Chief.

For each Chief, except Yellow Quill, a buggy.

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In lieu of a yoke of oxen for each reserve, a bull for each, and a cow for each Chief ; a boar for each reserve, and a sow for each Chief, and a male and female of each kind of animal raised by farmers ; these when the Indians are prepared to receive them.