

Further, you should know that you cannot treat men like Mista-wa-sis and Ah-tuk-a-kup as children, and the manner in which the Honourable James spoke during the meeting was equally as stupid."

"Well, Peter, I hope you hold no grudge. You can understand the position I was in at the time. I hope you will forget the whole miserable business."

"Certainly, Clarke. The victor is never the man to bear a grudge; it is always the loser, and I hope you bear that in mind."

Later in the day I had an interview with the Governor which was more than satisfactory, as he shook hands with me and told me to take a seat. Christie was present and appeared to be busy with treaty business.

"Your salary will be five dollars a day, as you have interpreted for the Indians as well as the government."

"He has done two men's work," said Christie, "so he is entitled to that money as well. And the man has travelled several hundred miles to be here — he should be given something for that."

"You are right, Mr. Christie," replied the Governor. "Put him down for fifteen dollars for four days' pay. He will be paid at five dollars a day during treaty negotiations and a travel allowance until I am through at Fort Pitt."

This was indeed good news and the unexpected support from Mr. Christie was, you can believe me, more than ample compensation for my real or imagined slight of the first evening of the talks.

"You may go with me to Fort Pitt by way of Battleford or you can go direct to Fort Pitt and meet me there. You will be paid at the rate of five dollars per day for travelling and the same for interpreting when I arrive."

"I would prefer to go direct to Fort Pitt as I have a friend with me who will take care of some supplies that I intend to take back to my people."

So it was arranged to meet at Fort Pitt.

Hunter, during all our stay at Carlton, had taken care of our horses, and also made himself useful in keeping me informed of all the latest developments in camp in relation to the activities and opinions in regard to treaty talks. I was thus free to devote all my time to a study of the treaty terms in the conduct of my duties. He had cultivated a friendship with Mista-wa-sis and Ah-tuk-a-kup, and I suspect kept them fully informed on all angles of their opposition.

On the morning of the twenty-fifth, we were making