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by

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Tape: RCT-136

Topic of Interview

Way of life of Stony Plains Indians.

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Footage: Side 1: 000-1005

Tape

Footage

Subject

000	Introduction - Way of life of Indians
028	Arrival in Canada <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Winnipeg - March 5, 1903.- Went to work on farm.
041	Moved further West <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Worked on ranches 1904-05.
050	Buffalo Head Ranch <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Homesteaded with cousin - beginning of ranch.
073	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Buildings on ranch.
090	Introduction to Indians <ul style="list-style-type: none">- While chopping wood.- Native dress.
0116	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Native language.
130	Three Buffalo Bulls <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Took Pocaterra into family as a son.- Died 1960.
144	Indian names <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Origin.- Spotted Wolf, Big Thunder.
166	Use of biblical names <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Rev. McDougall.
175	Trip with Three Buffalo Bulls <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Elk River, Kananaskis Lakes.
203	Trip with Indian brother and brother-in-law <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Winter - after Christmas- Kananaskis Lakes.

<u>Tape</u> <u>Footage</u>	<u>Subject</u>
206	Setting up camp - no tent - canvas lean-to.
242	Cabin at Boulton Creek - Stayed for winter.
266	Trapping on Pocaterra Creek.
290	Left alone - Went to Upper Lake. - Witnessed enormous avalanche.
350	Life of trapper
370	Sound travelled great distances - heard partners coming 1/2 hour away.
390	Harsh winter - Mountain goats found dead.
400	Left camp in early March to return to reserve - Little food. - First cache eaten by birds.
435	- Food at second cache.
453	Arrived back.
463	Harshness of Winter of 1906-07 - Temperature -60°
490	Returned to Buffalo Head Ranch
496	Bill Fall Hunt - Hunting, fishing, trapping.
516	Stony Indians mass for Hunt - 2nd week of September.
544	Groups dividing for hunt.
560	Smoking of meat.
580	Making Pemmican.
616	Route of Hunt.

<u>Tape Footage</u>	<u>Subject</u>
630	Composition of Pack Train.
653	Made Leader of Pack Train - Called Mountain Child.
674	Setting up camp.
700	Making meal.
726	Starting by constellation of Great Bear.
750	Dealing with kill - Protecting from animals.
802	Customs and Habits - Acceptance of semi-nudity. - Cleanliness.
859	- Sharing of hunt.
886	Family Life - Disciplining children.
910	Marriage - Separation.
944	Intolerance of some whites towards Indians
980	Harshness of living conditions
1005	Tape ends abruptly.