

With the exception of one or two families who remained on the Island, the others always absented themselves every year.

This summer, however, only two families left the reserves. All the others remained, and have expressed their intention of spending the whole of the summer on the Island.

Some of these Indians live by fishing. At this season of the year they fish for cod; later on for mackerel.

Two Indians of this reserve purchased a large fishing boat last spring, for which they paid \$40.

In order to obtain the necessaries of life, those who do not fish follow their own trade, and those who do not live on the reserves, earn their subsistence by making butter tubs, baskets, &c.

The Indians of these reserves are making some progress in agriculture, and they evinced last spring greater interest in the cultivation of the soil than they ever did before.

I distributed last spring 231 bushels of potatoes to be used as seed, 19 bushels of wheat, and 110 bushels of oats.

One Indian sowed 5 bushels of wheat, another 13 bushels of oats, several sowed each 8 bushels of oats and planted as many bushels of potatoes, and sowed from 1 to 2 bushels of wheat.

The crop looks well, with the exception of the potatoes, which were damaged by rain which fell almost constantly during last July.

The crop last year was very good; several families had enough potatoes to last them through the winter, and two Indians of the Morell Reserve had enough left to plant last spring.

An Indian who owned a piece of land and a house near the church, but who only occupied the house for about one week during the year, sold the land and house to another Indian named Stanislas François, for the sum of \$60.00; and having economized this last succeeded in paying the whole amount during the year. He sowed two acres of this land with oats, and cleared one acre, on which he planted potatoes. He is full of courage, and says that in three years he will have ten acres cleared.

He manifested much pleasure in showing me his field of oats, which is remarkably fine.

The Morell Reserve Indians are very anxious to own a horse with which to work their lands, and also to bring to the railway station, 5 miles distant, their manufactured goods. Each time I have had occasion to visit their reserve they never failed to ask me if I was going to purchase the horse during that visit.

They have much difficulty in procuring horses to plough their lands in the spring.

I am still teaching on Lennox Island. The children are making good progress, and are very docile.

I had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. J. S. Murray, School Inspector. He appeared quite satisfied with the result of the examination, and said he intended making another visit here during the summer season.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

JEAN O. ARSENAULT,
Indian Superintendent.