

Both the Oneidas and Chippewas are increasing in number; while the opposite is the case with the Munceys.

Moravians of the Thames.—Their reserve is in the Township of Orford, in the County of Kent, and they are under the charge of an Agent stationed at Highgate.

The crops were not so bountiful as those of last year; but more land having been broken and cultivated, the actual quantity of produce reaped was no less.

Quite a number of new barns and stables were erected during the year.

Improved farming implements such as seed drills, cultivators and reaping machines have been more generally brought into use on the reserve.

The road work done by the Indians it is reported would be creditable to any white community, and several watercourses have been made to drain the land, which has been of much benefit to the reserve.

The school house has been put in a state of repair, and the progress of the children who attend regularly is satisfactory. The number attending however is not as large as might be the case were the parents more particular in making their children attend.

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Algonquins and Têtes de Boule of the River Desert and Gatineau.—These Indians have a reserve beautifully situated at the junction of the Rivers Desert and Gatineau, and are reported to be making steady progress in agriculture.

The number of their live stock, horses, and cattle, is increasing.

Their crops this year were of average quality, excepting hay, which was very light.

The Agent reports that in a reasonable time these Indians will become as good farmers as many of their white neighbors. Location tickets covering their individual holdings were this year issued to them.

They were until recently altogether dependent on hunting for a subsistence. But the rapid diminution in the number of fur-bearing animals and large game, especially the moose (from which not only their supply of meat was obtained, but the material for making moccasins for their own use, as well as for sale and barter), has convinced these Indians that a change in their mode of living is necessary. Many of them, besides farming, engage during the winter with lumbermen, and work in the shanties.