

as Compensation for Land surrendered by them, form an aggregate Income of nearly 1,000 ^f per Annum, the Committee conceive, that with these Advantages, and by educating the younger Indians in Habits of Industry, by encouraging the Tribe to cultivate more extensively their reserved Tracts, and by allowing no further Concessions to be made of their unceded Land, the Indians of this Settlement might in a few years be made in a great measure if not wholly independent of the Supply of Presents.

That these might be continued only to such as from Age, Infirmary, or other Causes might be incapable of maintaining themselves, and that at no very distant Period the seignioral Revenues of the Tract might be applied as a Fund solely for these latter Objects, and for Education of Youth.

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No. 1.- Indians of the Sault St Louis.

A number of the able-bodied Indians of this Post are employed as Pilots for Rafts and Bateaux during the Season of Navigation; but it is stated by the Chiefs, that in most Instances the Money which their Young Men acquire in this Way is spent in Liquor before they return to their Village. There are some active Hunters in this Tribe, who subsist in part by the Chace during the winter months.

The cultivation of the land is left principally to old Men and the Women; the latter also employ themselves occasionally in making up Moccasins, Snow Shoes, and Baskets for sale; but the principal support of these and all other Indians in Lower Canada is derived from fishing and hunting.