

The Munceys of the Thames.

This band lives upon the same reserve as the Chippewas of the Thames and is fairly prosperous.

They have a school of their own, taught by a white female teacher and under the care of the Church of England.

The usual distribution of blankets to the sick, aged and infirm Indians on the Caradoc Reserve, has been made.

Upon the western portion of the reserve, there are living four families of Pottawattamies who are located for land, but claim no interest of any money for distribution to the other Indians. They are a very quiet and inoffensive people, and use the land upon which they live to good purpose.

In reporting generally on the Indians in my agency, I beg to state that their general health during the year was good, there being no contagious disease among them. All the schools have been kept open during the year. The roads and bridges are kept in a much better state of repair than formerly.

Divine service has been regularly held in the several churches (of which there are nine); a very respectable percentage of Indians are church members.

Before closing, I am happy to state that the Mount Elgin Industrial Farm and School, under the able management of the Rev. W. W. Shepherd, are in a very satisfactory condition.

The number of Indians in each band is as follows:—

Oneidas of the Thames	726
(An increase of two since last census.)	
Chippewas of the Thames	442
(An increase of six since last census.)	
Munceys of the Thames	135
(An increase of six since last census.)	

In addition to the above there are:

Pottawattamies	12
Total	<u>1,315</u>

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS GORDON,

Indian Agent.

WESTERN SUPERINTENDENCY—3RD DIVISION,

HIGHGATE, ONT., 29th August, 1892.

The Honourable

The Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit herewith my annual report and tabular statement giving statistics of the condition and progress made by the Indians of the Moravian Band of the Thames for the year ended 30th June, 1892.

The population of the band is three hundred and four, an increase of one since last report. It may be interesting to state that in 1879 the population of the band was only two hundred and seventy-two, showing that they have increased since that time by thirty-two.