

This band now numbers 292, being an increase of 4 since my last report.

I have to report another good harvest, all grain crops being very good indeed with roots and vegetables excellent in every respect.

Only two new dwelling houses have been erected during the past year, one being a good frame house, the other built of logs.

We have two schools on the reserve, and I am pleased to report that the attendance is better than at any time during my incumbency. The Moraviantown school is taught by an Indian; he is doing good work and is fully qualified as a teacher. The attendance of pupils is so much better than heretofore that we find the schoolhouse (built only five years ago) is not large enough for the pupils, and it will have to be enlarged. The Indian Council has the matter under consideration and will attend to it at once.

We have four denominations of Christian workers on the reserve, viz., Church of England, Methodist, Moravian, Brethren and Salvation Army. All are doing good work and are a great benefit morally to the Indians.

This is purely an agricultural reserve—no industry is carried on by the Indians but farming—and I am pleased to report that they are improving in farming every year. But they have one great drawback in the want of rail timber for fencing purposes.

In my last report I stated that the agricultural society had been of great benefit to the Indians, and I am pleased to report that the society is stronger and better supported than ever before. The fair held last October was the most successful yet held on the reserve. The increased accommodation in the new shed they were building gave ample room, every part of which was well filled. The shed is 20 by 40 feet, and cost nearly two hundred dollars; this amount has been paid by the society out of surplus gate receipts.

As mentioned in my last report, the Indians of this reserve sent an exhibit to the Western Fair, held in the city of London in September last. The Indians took a large number of individual prizes, and the silver medal for the best Indian exhibit as a reserve at the Fair.

The roads and bridges are only in a fair state of repair. Owing to so much heavy rain storms having occurred during the months of May and June a great many washouts occurred; but the chief and council are now making repairs as fast as possible, and we expect soon to have all in as good order as heretofore.

The sanitary condition of the reserve is good, all of the houses and premises have been well cleaned and whitewashed.

There is no disease of a contagious nature on the reserve and very little sickness of any kind.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN BEATTIE,

Indian Agent.

NORTHERN SUPERINTENDENCY, ONTARIO—1st DIVISION.

INDIAN OFFICE MANITOWANING, 31st August, 1889.

The Honorable

The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit my report and tabular statement for the year ended 30th June, 1889.

With the exception of an epidemic of measles, more or less general, the after effects of which have resulted in the deaths of fifteen children, the health of the