

The ploughing matches (now an annual event) took place on the Reserve, and though the weather and roads were disagreeable, the number of competitors were as many as formerly, while the attendance of spectators increased, and appeared to take much interest in the work. The plough presented in the name of the Governor General, and the other prizes, were received by the winners with evident pleasure.

The concession roads, and bridges are maintained in good order, by means of statute labor and expenditure of money, while the side roads receive attention.

The municipality of the township of Walpole having at last decided to co-operate with the Council of the Six Nations, have provided for their portion of the road allowance between that township and the reserves of Tuscarora and Oneida. The survey and placing of permanent monuments has been completed, and it now remains for the Township Council of Townsend to give its portion of road allowance, thus making it a leading highway for the public at large, and of much benefit to the Indians.

The Indian Councils evince increased interest in the cause of education, by renewing their money grants, and in other acts, towards so desirable an object.

The Six Nation School Board have effected many improvements, but the serious drawback of irregularity in attendance on the part of pupils continues, the Board, however, is hopeful of a favorable change in that respect.

The Institute of the New England Company, near this city, under the charge of Mr. R. Ashton, continues to flourish, full of children from the Six Nations and from some distant bands. Seven of the senior pupils competed against many whites from schools in the County of Brant, at a late examination; while, at the present time, a majority of the teachers on the Reserve were educated at the Institute. The proposed addition to the Institute for Orphan Infant Children is still undecided upon.

The gross attendance at all of the schools, exclusive of 90 at the Institute, numbers 616; but the average daily attendance is only 142, showing some remedy is necessary, and which is the subject of much consideration.

The celebration of Her Majesty's Birthday was again duly observed, two excellent Indian bands being present, and the large crowd separated after a pleasant day.

The promised visit by His Excellency the Governor General, the Six Nation Council desired should be deferred until next year, in the hope they might also be honored by the presence of Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, who may perhaps be pleased to open the agricultural show of the Six Nations.

Assuring you of the continued, though gradual, improvement of the Indians in this Superintendency,

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. T. GILKISON,

*Visiting Superintendent and Commissioner.*

ONTARIO

WESTERN SUPERINTENDENCY,

SARNIA, 6th October, 1880.

The Honorable

The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit herewith tabular statement for the past year to June 30th.

I believe it to be, in every essential particular, as nearly correct as can reasonably be expected.

Of the tribes within this Superintendency, the farthest advanced is doubtless the Wyandotts of Anderdon. This tribe having nearly completed their probationary term, expect to be enfranchised during the ensuing year.