

arrangements in progress for the removal of the Indians at Cold-water, and the Narrows, to the station in Rama which is deemed more eligible for their residence and preferred by them. Mr. Jarvis should detail them fully in his next Report.

There has I am told also been some change among the Mississaguas of the Bay of Quinte which should be likewise explained.

The St. Regis Tract is principally if not all under lease and cultivation, and I have reason to suppose that it would be an acceptable advantage to the settlers to be confirmed in fee simple titles, if the Indian right could be extinguished on just terms. This property should, like other similar Reserves, be regarded as a vested Interest, and in the disposal of the reversion the best terms should be made for the Indians. A full report of its present state is desirable.

#### 5. Indian Department.

If the only object of this Department was to superintend the issue of Presents, unquestionably the duty might be conveniently performed through the Commissariat, with a little arrangement to ascertain the quantity to be provided and to prevent imposition by double issues to the same individuals but if it is expected that the Government is to be instrumental in the civilization of the Tribes, this report amply shews the necessity for an efficient Department. Nor do I consider the amount incurred in its support as compared with the sum disbursed for Presents a satisfactory data for determining its economy or extravagance. In the first place, it will be perceived that many old worn out servants have been pensioned, and in the second place the number of the officers depended originally not on the quantity of Presents to be distributed, but rather on the number of warriors to be conciliated and attended to, and when emergencies required, guided to the field, and superintended