

eventually followed by the enfranchisement of the majority, if not of the whole, of the band. The survey is greatly appreciated by the band generally.

They number 1,485 souls, and possess a great many horses, cattle and other live stock.

There is a school in operation on the reserve, which is considerably hindered in its good work, by the irregular attendance of the pupils.

*Iroquois of St. Regis.*—The state of this band is very unsatisfactory. Liquor is obtainable by these Indians *ad libitum*, there being but a conventional line between their reserve and the State of New York, where liquor is constantly and openly sold, even on the adjoining Indian reserve, which belongs to a branch of the same band, under the care of the Government of the United States,

The Department is desirous of withdrawing the young men from this bad influence, and as some leases of land, in the township of Dundee, belonging to these Indians which were rented many years ago, have expired, it is proposed to appropriate the lands for the use of the young members of the band who have none; and to endeavor to induce them to turn their attention to farming, which very many of them express a desire to do. It would also be advisable to station a constable and erect a lock-up at St. Regis, in order that swift punishment may be meted out to offenders against law and order in that village.

The population of this band is 1,095.

*The Algonquins and Têtes des Boules of the Rivière Desert.*—There has been a considerable increase in the farm products of these Indians this year, the crops being over the average. Their live stock is also increasing in number. There has been no destitution.

The Indians opened up a new road along the front of the Desert River, and the work was most satisfactorily done by themselves, under the supervision of the chief of the band. The general conduct of the Indians has been good during the year. And the school on the reserve, conducted by the nuns, is reported to be doing satisfactorily.

The population of the two bands is 414.

*The Algonquins of Lake Temiscamingue and of the Upper Ottawa.*—For these Indians a reserve was many years since set apart on Lake Temiscamingue. Only about 200 have, however, settled upon the tract; of the remainder some have continued nomadic in their habits, others have settled on unoccupied Crown lands at different points.

On the reserve a grist mill has been erected; and the Indians raise grain, potatoes and vegetables of various sorts. A school is also in operation. And the