

In preparing my tabular statements I had, in a great measure, to depend upon the information received from different Indians, and from the late Agent.

It is pleasant, however, to relate that much work has been done on their roads; in building culverts and ditching.

The Indians are turning their attention more to the cultivation of their land, and are making some progress. A few who confine themselves to agriculture are apparently in much the best circumstances.

The crops this year promise to be excellent.

The introduction of the Scott Act into the County of Bruce has been of great advantage to the Indians. Not a single case has taken place where an Indian has been accused of partaking of any intoxicant whatever, and as such has been the case the Act cannot be too highly appreciated by those who take an interest in the welfare of the Indians.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES TELFER CONAWAY,

Indian Agent.

ALNWICK AGENCY,

ROSENEATH, 21st August, 1885.

The Right Honorable

The Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit the following report, accompanied with tabular statement. There are 3,404.15 acres in the Alnwick reserve, the greater part of which is excellent land. About 2,460 acres are cleared, of which about 1,325 acres are rented to white tenants, who paid in rent during the year 1884 the sum of \$2,920.72. The municipal council of the Township of Alnwick, of which the reserve forms a part, assess the tenants on the reserve and collect taxes from them, but spend little of the money on the reserve—not the one-thirtieth part—which I consider a great injustice to the Indians, who have to keep their own roads in repair by their labor or by making drafts on their interest money, while the taxes collected from their tenants are expended in other parts of the township.

I regret to say that the drinking habits of some of the Indians have considerably increased since my last report, and I confess my inability to be able to bring the offenders to justice, from the fact that the Indians will not give any information as to where or from whom they receive the liquor.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your humble servant,

JOHN THACKERAY,

Indian Agent.

MUD AND RICE LAKE AGENCY,

GORE'S LANDING, 26th August, 1885.

The Right Honorable

The Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit my annual report and tabular statement for the year ended the 30th June, 1885.

During the past year the Indians have had considerable sickness at both the villages under my charge, consumption being the principal disease. At present they are nearly all enjoying good health.