

*Eel Ground, Northumberland County.*

This is a fine reserve, sloping nicely to the river and well adapted for farming, yielding fine crops if it gets any preparation. Their houses are fairly comfortable, They have a neat church and school-house. As they are but a short distance from the saw-mills and also from the shipping stations, they work among the lumber and earn good wages, which are not always judiciously expended. These Indians are fairly well-to-do.

*Burnt Church, Northumberland County.*

This band, on account of location, should be very well off; they can fish nearly all the year round. In the summer season they can catch salmon, bass, mackerel, herring and codfish, and in the winter they fish smelt, all of which has a market as soon as caught. The land is fairly good, and they raise more or less potatoes, oats, corn, &c. There is a fine old church on the reserve and a neat school-house, with a young lady as teacher. The population is about two hundred. They always celebrate the festival of Ste. Anne in July, during which time all work is ignored.

*Big Cove, Kent County.*

This is a very fine reserve, and as a rule the Indians are better individuals than in many other places. The soil is good, and when an effort is made they raise good crops. A number of them work on the river running lumber from the mills to the place of shipping. This reserve has the largest population in my superintendency. There is a very nice church here, and I am pleased to know they are anxious to keep it in good order and repair, and those that try can make themselves comfortable.

*Indian Island, Kent County.*

Fishing is the chief maintenance of this band; most of them do a little farming. They have a church here, and as a rule are sober, steady people.

*Buctouche, Kent County.*

This band is not holding its own. They have good opportunities, but as in all cases where they live so near the white people they do not get on so well. Some have left, but those on the reserve are doing pretty well.

*Shediac, Westmoreland County.*

This band is very much broken up. They have moved to various places hrough the country, and are as a general thing unsettled. A few who live far away rom the white settlements are doing pretty well. They have not given any attention to farming for the last year or two.

*Fort Folly, Westmoreland County.*

The land on this reserve is very poor, it is dry and stony and not adapted for farming, but quite convenient for fishing. There is a stone quarry close by, which is a help to them. There is a church on this reserve. I cannot report much or any improvement in this band. On the whole there is but little change, a slight decrease in the population. They have not so many opportunities for procuring liquor, on account of the stringency of the Dominion Act, and the fact of the Scott Act being more fully carried out. There is nothing that renders them so perfectly miserable as the use of liquor, and I trust the improvement visible will continue.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES SARGEANT,

*Superintendent.*