

These bands live within the County of Middlesex, two within the Township of Caradoc, and one within the Township of Delaware, and number as follows :—

The Muncey Band numbers.....	131
(The same as at last census).	
The Chippewa Band numbers.....	454
(One less than at last census).	
The Oneida Band numbers.....	745
(Or 33 less than at last census).	

The cause of the decrease in the Oneida Band was the removal of a few families to Green Bay, in the State of Wisconsin.

I am pleased to state that the sanitary condition of the Indians is very satisfactory, there having been no epidemic on either of the reserves under my care during the past year.

The importance of attention to sanitary matters has been impressed upon the Indians whenever practicable.

We have three schools on the Oneida Reserve, two of them taught by Indians teachers, and one by a white teacher. There are four schools on the Chippewa and Muncey Reserve, two of them taught by Indian teachers and two by whites.

The pupils upon the whole are making fair progress. The Public School Inspectors for the county have made their usual semi-annual visits and have reported favorably of their condition.

The Mount Elgin Industrial School is situated on the Caradoc Reserve, and is under the management of the Revd. W. W. Shepherd, who spares no pains in looking after the comfort of the Indians committed to his care.

The Church of England and the Methodist Church of Canada have each a mission, on the Delaware and Caradoc Reserves, and are doing good work.

The crops of 1888 have been very good, especially in roots, but owing to a wet spring and dry summer those of this year are below the usual average.

Each of the bands has an agricultural society, which appears to be a benefit to them. I have advised them to try and unite together and have one good society instead of three small ones, but for some reason or other they prefer to be separate.

The usual supply of blankets for the Muncey and Chippewa Band has been distributed as directed by the Department.

The Indians are steadily improving, not only in agriculture, but in industrious habits generally. A very considerable number of them work for farmers, and are fast learning the habits of the whites. With very few exceptions indeed, they are a very quiet and peaceable people, and quite a number of them very intelligent.

The number of letters written from this office during the past year was nine hundred and thirty-six; miles travelled, twenty-five hundred and fifty-six, and hours away on Indian business ten hundred and twenty-three. All of which is respectfully submitted.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
THOMAS GORDON,  
*Indian Agent.*

WESTERN SUPERINTENDENCY—3RD DIVISION,  
HIGHGATE, ONT., 28th August, 1889.

The Honorable  
The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit herewith my annual report on the Moravians of the Thames for the year ended the 30th June, 1889, together with the usual tabular statement relating to that band of Indians.