

TRURO, N.S., 4th September, 1880.

To the Honorable  
The Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

SIR,—I cannot give you very much of a report for year ending 30th June, 1880, as my appointment as Indian Agent took place on April 27, this year. I received in May, \$25 for purchase of seed grain for the Indians of this county, which has been expended as shown by my statement to the Department. It certainly was a great help, and will, I hope, be the means of preventing them in many instances asking for aid from the local authorities, during the coming winter. They have no reserve, and possess no land in the County of Colchester, which, if it were the case, would facilitate improvement among them very much.

I am, yours, &c.,

D. H. MUIR, M.D.,  
*Indian Agent.*

PARRSBORO, N.S., 1st November, 1880.

To the Honorable  
The Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honor herewith to submit, for the information of the Department, the inclosed tabular statement, with report for the year ending 30th June, 1880.

The health of the Indians in this agency has been good, and the increase in population much greater than would appear from the census returns for the year; this is due to several families having, during the past year, moved into the adjoining county. The band living at Halfway River, are, in many respects, advancing in the habits of civilization. They are beginning to appreciate the interest taken in them by the Department, and to see the necessity of devoting more attention to agricultural pursuits; many of the men work out with the farmers and lumbermen in the neighborhood, but their wages are so small that they can do but little towards supporting their families, and, I am afraid, in the coming winter many of them will suffer from hunger and privation.

They have no school, but several of the children have at different times attended the district school in their neighborhood.

The crops last year were good, but several of the families lost their potatoes, their cellars not being frost-proof.

As a whole, the Indians belonging this agency are a peaceable and temperate people. I have heard of but one case of drunkenness during the year.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. T. CLARKE,  
*Indian Agent.*

PICTOU, NOVA SCOTIA, 1st October, 1880.

The Honorable  
The Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

SIR,—Changes in the habits and circumstances of Miemac life are so slow of formation, that one finds little to report from year to year. But if a more lengthened period, a quarter of a century for instance, or even a decade, be taken at once into review, a well-defined transformation, though almost imperceptible in its progress,