

ONTARIO,
 GRAND RIVER SUPERINTENDENCY,
 BRANTFORD, 24th September, 1880.

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

SIR,—The tabular statements regarding the Six Nations, and the Mississaguas of the Cr dit, for the year ending 30th June last, are now forwarded.

These Indians are resident upon a reserve of over 50,000 acres, a few miles distance from this city.

I have abstained from appointing enumerators, preferring my own estimates, excluding, however, the produce of the soil, as it was in general far below the average.

The failure in crops caused considerable distress with a consequent want for seed for spring sowing ; you were, therefore, pleased to grant a request for a supply of seed, authorizing me to make the requisite arrangements, which I did, and issued various kinds of seed to near 1,000 persons, costing \$5,489.76.

It is pleasant to add, the result is a bountiful yield with the prospect of abundance for the approaching winter and next spring's seeding.

Since my last report, more parcels of land have been cleared and fenced, with here and there perceptible improvements ; among such are two good houses of brick, the first of the kind on the reserve.

Much fever has prevailed throughout the reserve, the principal causes of which are the stagnant waters, and the want of springs and wells of pure water ; such sickness would be greatly lessened by the removal of drift wood in the creeks, and in providing wells at convenient distances on the reserve ; both of these projects are under consideration.

The cause of temperance is spreading, the Six Nations having five organized societies ; yet liquor is frequently obtained, and to secure a conviction is very uncertain, from the want of evidence.

The result of the census is, on the whole, satisfactory.

The Six Nations, number.....	3,205
Births	115
Deaths.....	85
Increase.....	30
The Mississaguas.....	208
Deaths.....	15
Births.....	3
Decrease.....	12 —
Total population.....	3,413

Fifty-six licenses for firewood and logs have been issued, the logs being for lumber.

The Six Nation agricultural show proved a comparative failure, the expected crops not being realized, and was a discouragement ; but the show of next month will no doubt more than compensate for last year's disappointment.

The Indian Council have voted for the grading, and enclosure by a board fence, of the agricultural grounds, also the erection of an exhibition building ; all of which, it is hoped, will be ready for their show next year.