

fatal cases occurred. Malarial diseases form a large percentage of sickness on the reserve, owing principally to the want of wells and proper drainage. The habit of drinking water from creeks has caused diarrhœa and dysentery.

The physical development of the people is high, their average weight, particularly among the females, is much greater than that of their white neighbours, and, though contrary to the prevailing opinion, I do not believe they are more prone to consumption than the latter.

The population of the reserve increased thirty-four during the past year.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. D. CAMERON,

*Visiting Superintendent.*

WALPOLE ISLAND AGENCY,

WALLACEBURGH, ONT., 31st August, 1892.

The Honourable

The Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit herewith my annual report and tabular statement on the Chippewas and Pottawattamies of Walpole Island for the year ended 30th June, 1892.

Owing to the continuance of wet weather through the seeding and planting time last spring, there was not as much sown as would have been had the weather been more favourable; but, notwithstanding this, there will be a fair crop on the island this year, not nearly so much as last year, but the people will be able to get along very well. The wheat crop (fall wheat) is very good, which will give the most of them their bread, and that is one great point.

If the frost keeps off as long as usual there will be quite a crop of corn, though it was all planted after the rain in the spring, and of course late.

Potatoes and roots generally will not be very good from the late planting and the dry weather which followed.

I am glad to be able to report that the people of Walpole Island are nearly all in the best of health. No diseases among them; in this respect they are better than they ever were. I have just finished taking the census for this year, and have visited every house within the last three weeks and only found two persons confined to bed with sickness. I found the houses and grounds adjacent, for the most part, clean and well kept, in this respect there is much improvement manifest.

In my report for 1891 I was able to report a substantial increase in the population, and am able to report now a continuance of the same in a much more marked degree, the Chippewas having increased nine and the Pottawattamies fifteen since taking the census for 1891.

The schools have been regularly kept during the year with a fair attendance of scholars. The teachers are all Walpole Island born and are giving good satisfaction.

Services are held regularly in the churches every Sunday, and the report of last year as regards morals and drinking habits will apply equally to this year, there being very little to complain of in respect to either.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

ALEX. MCKELVEY,

*Indian Agent,*