

PERTH CENTRE, VICTORIA COUNTY,
PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,
27th September, 1880.

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

SIR,—I have the honor to submit my report of the Indians residing in the Counties of Victoria and Madawaska, and I also enclose herewith tabular statement, for the year ended 30th June last.

The Indians living on the Tobique Reserve number 146 souls, making an increase of 16 in their population since last year; those living at Little Falls have decreased from 39 to 34 since last year, the total number of both bands being 180.

I am glad to be able to state that they are, generally speaking, industrious, temperate and contented, and that I know of no suffering among them for the necessaries of life; they have been very healthy during the past year, there having only been five deaths among them, and these were infants or small children.

Their crops have been good, and it is gratifying to report, that with each succeeding year, they are slowly but surely advancing towards a higher state of civilization—that of cultivating the soil.

Besides farming, the other occupations they follow are hunting, making snowshoes, moccasins and baskets, for which they nearly always find a ready market; fishing is not much engaged in, salmon being about the only kind of fish caught, and they have been very scarce, besides the law prevents them from spearing—a fact of which they complain.

In accordance with your instructions of last winter, I prepared a plan and specification for a school-house, to be built on the Tobique Reserve, and placed the same under contract, which is now completed; it is in size 18 by 24 feet, and well finished inside and out, and well furnished with seats, desks and blackboards, with which the Indians are highly pleased; they are very anxious to have a school, and I have no doubt that their school, when started, will be largely attended, there being 50 children of suitable age to attend.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

MOSES CRAIG,

Agent.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND,
LENNOX ISLAND, 25th August, 1880.

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

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

There has been, as you will perceive by the tabular statement, an increase in the population during the year. Part of this increase is owing to a few families, from Cape Breton, emigrating to this island in the spring; the natural increase has been very light. There have been twelve deaths and sixteen births.

The Indians living on the reserves cultivate the land, though on a very small scale; the chief produce being potatoes and wheat, but a little oats is also grown. Their crops, in general, look remarkably well.