

MOHAWKS OF BAY OF QUINTE.

This band now numbers 911, being an increase of 20 during the year; there were 34 births and 11 deaths, while 3 persons left the reserve.

I have to report very satisfactory progress in their school matters, but farming operations have not materially increased.

MISSISSAGUAS OF ALNWICK.

This band now numbers 211, being a decrease of 3. There have been 13 deaths, principally children.

The school is taught by the same unqualified female teacher as formerly. She has promised to make an effort to pass the County Board examination at an early date.

A very handsome brick building to be used as a school house and council hall has been erected on the reserve during the past summer.

MISSISSAGUAS OF RICE LAKE.

This band numbers 104, being a decrease of 7.

There is very little change in their condition or habits.

Some of these cultivate their farms in a very creditable manner, but the majority employ whites to work the land on shares, and have been doing so for many years; and as they (the whites) take no interest in the land except for present crops, the soil has become exhausted, and is rapidly becoming filled up with weeds and thistles.

The teacher formerly in charge of the school has been removed and a properly qualified person appointed, a change which will doubtless lead to better results.

MISSISSAGUAS OF MUD LAKE.

The children of this band were also attacked with measles, but having been better cared for, deaths were not so numerous as at Rice Lake and Alnwick. The total membership is now 155, the same as last year.

I am pleased to be able to report that they are now generally healthy, and are supporting themselves comfortably by hunting, fishing and farming.

MISSISSIAGUAS OF SOUGOG.

There has been an increase of three in this band, which now numbers 45.

With the exception of two families, they seem to make but little progress in industrial habits. They are still without a school.

CHIPPEWAS OF SNAKE ISLAND.

This band numbers 138, being an increase of five persons.

They are very industrious, and live very comfortably by cultivating their own farms and working for farmers and lumbermen in the vicinity.

CHIPPEWAS OF RAMA.

Their number is now 259, being an increase of five persons.

They are improving in their system of agriculture, grow more grain, and are gradually bringing a greater area of land under cultivation.

There is no improvement in the school, which is not in a very satisfactory condition.

CHIPPEWAS OF CHRISTIAN ISLAND.

This band numbers 317, being an increase of seven persons.

Eighty-eight members reside on Manitoulin Island and the remaining 229 on the Christian Islands.