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ship of Maria, in the County of Bonaventure. They live on the products of the soil and by fishing, hunting and Indian manufactures.

At Maria no great progress is reported excepting in building new houses and fencing in their farms. The soil on their reserve is of excellent quality, and they can, moreover, readily earn money in other ways during the whole summer.

At Restigouche the Indians are reported to be making constant progress in agriculture. They have a large Reserve, and earn their livelihood much in the same way as their brethren at Maria.

There is a school on each of these Reserves. The population at these points is 445 and 96 souls respectively.

*The Amalacites of Cacouna, Rimouski and Rivière du Loup.*—These Indians are nomadic in their habits. A reserve was purchased for them some years since, and they were assisted in the erection of houses; but they subsequently abandoned the place, taking away with them all the windows, doors and everything that was moveable about the premises; and they have ever since continued to wander from one place to another, some of them having even got as far west as Point Levi, opposite Quebec, where they are encamped, and manufacture and sell Indian work at the latter city and elsewhere. The majority of them, however, are to be found at the places first above named. Many of them are reported to be addicted to drinking; and it is to be regretted that there has been so little conscience about supplying them with intoxicants. Prosecutions for the offence have, however, lately resulted in the punishment, by fine and imprisonment, of several of the offenders, which it is hoped will have a salutary effect.

The Department has, at length, been obliged to cancel a number of the sales made many years ago of lands in the Township of Viger, which were surrendered by these Indians to be sold for their benefit; as the purchasers, although repeatedly warned to pay the arrears long overdue, neglected to do so—and the Indians were thus kept out of the money on which they should have been drawing the interest, and they were at the same time deprived of the use of the lands.

*The Hurons of Lorette* have a village and reserve near Quebec, known as the *Quarante Arpents*. They appear to have a worthy successor to their late much beloved missionary in the present incumbent, who takes a deep interest in matters affecting their welfare.

Their school building was thoroughly repaired during the summer and painted within and without. The school is fairly attended and has the advantage of a good teacher.

These Indians are for the most part as well to do as the surrounding white settlers. Some of them would be considered wealthy in a farming community.