

Owing to the scarcity of work in the vicinity and the price of fancy Indian wares having gone down, a number of the Indians had to go hunting. The tabular statement, accompanying this report, shows that they sold a large quantity of furs.

As usual several of the Indians hired themselves as guides to tourists on their fishing and hunting expeditions.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. O. BASTIEN,

Indian Agent.

NORTH TEMISCAMINGUE, P.Q., 25th August, 1892.

The Honourable

The Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit my annual report and tabular statement for the year ended 30th June, 1892.

The condition of the Indians of this reserve has not materially changed since my last report. Their health as a general rule is not good. The pure Indians are decreasing.

The Indians made very good progress in farming, the crops are looking well. Some of them made a good living by their hunt last winter.

The school on the reserve has been fairly attended.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. McBRIDE,

Indian Agent.

PIERREVILLE, P.Q., 30th June, 1892.

The Honourable

The Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit my annual report and tabular statement for the year ended 30th June instant.

There were sixteen deaths during the year—nearly all children—and seventeen births.

The Indians of this band still manufacture baskets, canoes, &c., which they sell with profit in different places in the United States frequented by tourists.

A number of those Indians employ the profits they have realized in improving their homes and paying the debts which they may have contracted during the previous winter, but some pass their time in the streets of the adjoining village, squandering all they may have made in the summer, and often procuring intoxicants in some mysterious manner.

The Indians resist temptation with difficulty, but were the liquor establishments in the vicinity of the reserve closed, we would only have praises to give these Abenakis who in other respects give entire satisfaction.

In general, the conduct of these Indians is very good, and we have to complain only of a few.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. E. ROBILLARD,

Indian Agent.