

## PART I

OF THE

## REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WALPOLE ISLAND AGENCY,  
WALLACEBURG, ONT., 30th August, 1889.

The Honorable  
The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit herewith my annual report and tabular statement on the Chippewas and Pottawattamies of Walpole Island, for the year ended 30th June, 1889.

The general health of the people of this reserve during the year has been very good; there has been no epidemic and very little sickness of any kind.

There has been (since my last report) among the Chippewas twenty deaths and among the Pottawattamies only one and very few of them children, mostly consumptives and old people.

The births during the same time have been:—Chippewas, twenty-five; Pottawattamies, five.

The crops in 1888 were very good, and as you will see by the accompanying statement, were much in advance of those of 1887.

The crop of this year, 1889, except the corn, will be above the average; the corn will be light, owing to very wet weather just after planting time in the spring. A good many are now making preparations to sow fall wheat, and I hope to see a greater acreage than usual of this grain sown this fall.

The people of this reserve are slowly but surely getting to be an agricultural community every year showing a larger quantity of grain and roots, and a greater number of animals of better breeds.

The schools have been regularly kept during the year, with a fair attendance of children at each of them.

I mentioned in my report last year that I hoped to have another school established during the then coming year, and I have the consent of the people for the building of another school house, a building committee, consisting of the chief and council of the Chippewas appointed, the location decided on, and figures in my hands from two firms giving cost of building, and I hope to receive instructions from the department very soon to proceed with it.

The churches are well attended and the missionaries are regular in their attendance on Sunday, the Revds "I. Jacobs" Church of England, and "Wm. Elias" Methodist, preach to the people in their own language.

The pupils attending the "Shingwauk" Mount Elgin and Brantford Institutions have been home during the holidays, and (except the Mount Elgin pupils) have gone back again. They all seem to be improving and have behaved exceedingly