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wages can be procured by these Indians and their general willingness to take advantage of the same, little or no suffering will be entailed on them by the loss of their crops. Only two of the 42 bands are described by the Agent as thriftless and unwilling to work.

*The Kamloops Agency* comprises 18 bands and 2,211 Indians.

The Agent reports the progress of these bands to be very satisfactory. The Indians are described as being prosperous, well-behaved and contented. With but few exceptions every band broke up new land on its reserve this year. Their live stock is also increasing in number—principally their horses; which are also improving in quality, as a result of judicious breeding. The harvest was abundant, the supply of salmon ample, and berries (which are an important part of the diet of these Indians) plentiful.

The Agent had not one application for relief. Very many of these Indians obtain constant employment as day laborers from white settlers. Their houses are better kept, and the Indians are more cleanly in their habits than was formerly the case. They are also as a rule very industrious. The chiefs are good men, and are anxious to see their people improve. Each band has a building for divine worship on its reserve. The Boothroyd Band is specially commended by the Agent for very well cultivated gardens, well built houses, and cleanliness. And he adds that the appearance of the village is very creditable. They number 141 souls.

With all these fresh advantages it is to be regretted that while in almost all of the other Agencies the liquor traffic has been to a great extent suppressed, it continues unchecked in the Kamloops Agency.

*The Okanagan Agency* consists of thirteen bands, containing 1,213 members: The Agent reports that the close proximity in which these Indians live to those of Washington Territory, in the United States, has an injurious effect upon them. The American Indians instil their minds with suspicions as to the *bona fides* of the Government or Department. As a result these Indians refuse to furnish any statistical information as to their crops, industries, &c. They also declined to receive as a gift garden or other seed offered them, preferring to pay for it. The Agent is, however, able to report progress among the most of the bands. Their houses, stables and fences are better made than was formerly the case, and more land was newly broken this year than last.

Much sickness (especially diseases of a pulmonary character), is reported to prevail among these Indians.

The aged and infirm are not well provided for by those able to work, although the latter obtain good wages as packmen from railroad contractors.