

"The touching tribute of sympathy of the Six Nation Chiefs is received with a full heart by the President's bereaved family, and is most gratifying to the American people."

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. T. GILKISON,
Visiting Superintendent and Commissioner.

NORTHERN SUPERINTENDENCY—DIVISION No. 1,
INDIAN OFFICE,
MANITOWANING, 21st September, 1882.

The Right Honorable
The Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit herewith tabular statement, with statistics of progress made by the Indians of this Superintendency during the year ended 30th June last.

During the year the Indians have enjoyed great prosperity. Their crops have been good, fish has been abundant, and prices high. An advance in some descriptions of furs has taken place. Employment has been abundant and wages good. The railways now in course of construction through this district and the various saw-mills and lumber shanties afford profitable employment for all who desire to work, while those who preferred working on their reserves have been profitably engaged in taking out railway ties, fence posts and telegraph poles.

The harvest of 1881 was fairly abundant; in some productions a slight falling off may be observed, which may be accounted for by the lesser number of Indians engaged in agriculture than in the previous year, many having hired out for the season in preference to working on their farms.

The sum of \$1,519.70 has been distributed amongst the Indians of this Superintendency during the year ended 30th June, 1882.

The opportunity afforded by the presence of the Main Land Indians at the payment of the Robinson Treaty annuity, was taken advantage of to vaccinate all those who were willing to submit to that operation; 266 were vaccinated, in nearly all cases with successful results.

In July, 1881, His Excellency the Governor-General arrived at this Island and was heartily welcomed by both the white population and the Indians.

An application from the settlers in Cockburn Island for assistance in making roads was made to the Department. Aid was promised on certain conditions, which have not yet been complied with.

The usual supply of blankets (90) has been received and distributed amongst the aged, sick and infirm Indians.

Additional schools have been opened at Serpent River and also at Buzwahs Village on Manitowaning Bay.

Assistance has been rendered towards the construction of a new school house at Sheguiandah. New seats and desks have been furnished to the Sheshegwauing school, and books and other school material have been supplied to other Indian schools where required.

Application having been made by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the right of way through the Serpent River Indian Reserve, a council of the Indians was held and the land required surrendered to the Crown.

A portion of the Mississagua Indian reserve was, some years since, squatted upon by white men, under the belief that the Reserve was to be surveyed and placed in the market. The portion so squatted upon has been surrendered by the Indians and surveyed into suitable lots for settlement.