

Scotia, for the year ending 30th June, 1882. The Indians have exhibited a marked desire to avail themselves of the seed grant this year. Besides the fish they catch, the principal article of food they raise is potatoes. There is a better disposition on the part of some others to move on the Cole Harbor Reserve. Two families have applied for aid to enable them to purchase lumber to make camps or shanties there. They were all very grateful for the assistance given by the Department last winter. Very pressing appeals for more aid were made to me, which I duly forwarded to Ottawa. These were made on account of the exceptional severity of the past winter and spring. Generally speaking, the Indians strive to make a living by their own industry. Their health the past year has been good. There were, however, a few severe cases of disease. One man had a most successful operation performed on his eye. The eye had to be removed but his life was saved. The notices stating the law and penalties, &c., on those who gave or sold intoxicating liquors to Indians, I had posted in conspicuous places through the county, and they did good. I divided fairly, to the best of my ability, the relief money of last winter and the seed grant of this spring, between the Indians of *all* the county.

I have the honor to remain,
Yours, truly,

D. C. O'CONNOR,
Indian Agent.

TRURO, NOVA SCOTIA, 28th July, 1882.

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

SIR,—I have the pleasure of submitting my Report for the year ending 30th June, 1882. We have had a winter unparalleled for severity and length, but thanks to the grant by the Department for the relief of the Indians, they have been able to meet and tide it over.

Some deaths have occurred, principally from pulmonary diseases; an attack of diphtheria made its appearance from which two deaths took place.

Our seed grant has been expended, and I hope from the present appearance of the crops, that they will have something to begin the winter with.

I am, your obedient servant,

D. M. MUIR,
Agent for Colchester County, Nova Scotia.

PARISBORO', 29th October, 1882.

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

SIR,—I have the honor herewith to submit the following Report, with tabular statement, for the year ending 30th June last.

Nothing worthy of special notice has transpired since my last Report. The condition of the Indians throughout this Agency has very materially improved during the last few years. The population is increasing; several families, and individual members of the band, who have been living in New Brunswick, have returned. No deaths have occurred, nor, so far as I am aware, have any of the townships found it necessary to furnish aid to destitute Indians.