

The band now numbers 363, being an increase of three since last year—there having been eleven births and eight deaths.

There are three schools in operation on this reserve, and under the instruction of good and efficient teachers they are progressing favorably.

The agricultural interest has received an impetus by the locating of the land to individual Indians, many of whom commenced clearing up their land early in the spring and put in their crops in good time. The energy displayed in this regard is unprecedented on this reserve.

The fishing interest improved within the last year. A new industry has sprung up here, viz., the gathering of "gentian root," which causes an increase to their income, bringing two dollars and twenty-five cents per pound in cash.

However I am of opinion that those who stay at home and attend to their farms will realize more profit in the end.

The hay crop is better this season than it has been for many years affording an ample supply for the stock where ordinary care is practised.

All other crops are looking fairly well, so that it may be said that if the same amount of industry is practised in the future that has prevailed in the present season, this band will soon be in a prosperous condition.

I am pleased to be able to report that there is a great improvement in the condition of the Indians regarding the use of strong drink.

With reference to their sanitary condition there has been considerable malaria or typhoid fever amongst them, and it has not entirely abated yet.

I cannot close my report without referring to the late Chief John Kadahgegwon, who departed this life at Saugeen Village in the eighty-third year of his age, honored and respected by all who knew him. He was born on this reserve, and held the position of Chief for seventy-four years, having received it at the age of nine years. He had two large silver medals presented to him by the British Crown in token of his loyalty and service to the mother country. In fact, he was in every respect a noble specimen of a man.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JAS. ALLEN,

*Indian Agent.*

ALDERVILLE AGENCY,

ROSENEATH, ONT., 13th August, 1889.

The Honorable

The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

SIR,—I enclose herewith tabular statement for the year ended 30th June last, which I have endeavored to make as accurate as possible. The day school here is taught by the resident missionary, Rev. John Lawrence, and is making very good progress, the average attendance being a fraction over 31 : 46 names are on the school roll. One of the pupils of this school, Miss Kate Franklin, obtained the prize for the County of Northumberland in the Dominion competition. Mr. John Dougall, of Montreal, the promotor of the competition, in a note to the teacher says that the essays sent from the school are both very superior and of the greatest credit to the school. The Sunday school is also largely attended, there being some Sundays over 50 scholars present. The attendance at church is also very good. There is a new imitation pipe organ in the church and a very efficient organist. On the whole, the morality of the band is, I think, improving. There have been no convictions lately for the sale of liquor to Indians. I think public morals are improving, and on the whole I am under the impression that idleness is not largely indulged in ; the sanitary condition of the band is most excellent, owing, I think, to cleanliness in and around their houses and to the situation of the reserve, it being generally dry and free from