

once a year, for three days; they are certainly the most contented of the three bands; after taking their payment, and getting their supplies, they return to their hunting ground. With regard to the two first bands under my charge, they do very little hunting or fishing; they mostly earn their living as boatmen to fishing parties, boat-builders, explorers or labourers. They cultivate about eleven hundred acres of land, but in a very poor manner. There are some good farmers among them.

During the winter a great deal of sickness prevailed, and a few deaths occurred. I made repeated visits in company with Dr. Reid. Dyptheria broke out in two families on the Reserve, but the disease did not spread.

One Council was held by me, at the request of some of the members of Augustin's band, who wished to depose their Chief Augustin, and appoint another; but as in all such cases, the Council came to no decision.

It was determined that all their children should be vaccinated, but when the time came, not a single one would have the operation performed.

In the spring there was a great scarcity of seeds of all kinds, and an application was made to you by several members of both bands to have money for the purchase of seed advanced them, to be repaid out of their annuity money for the year 1886, which request was kindly granted.

With regard to the schools, I see very little change to report upon. The parents will not insist on sending their children to school.

The grain and root crops suffered considerably from frost. Little wheat was sown.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

WM. VAN ABBOTT,

Indian Lands Agent.

Agent Donnelly's Report not yet received.

COUNTY OF RENFREW, GOLDEN LAKE AGENCY,

SOUTH ALGONA, 30th July, 1885.

The Right Honorable

The Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit my report and tabular statement for the year ended the 30th June last.

The band now numbers eighty-one, being an increase of four during the past year. There have been four births and two deaths, one of the latter being an old woman over eighty-six years of age.

On account of the cold and backward spring, the crops, with the exception of the potato crop, look very poor. Hay will be scarce, but the Indians have beaver meadows to cut. Since they have been located, they are taking more interest in farming, and are erecting buildings. One of them is putting up a barn (the first on the reserve) 26 feet by 36 feet. Two good houses have been put up since my last report. The Indians are also getting horses and oxen of their own. I find it difficult to get the Indians to send their children to school. The school building has been repaired and equipped, so I hope to have a better account to give in future. There is very little sickness among the Indians, and I successfully vaccinated over forty of them with cow pox last spring.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES PAUL,

Indian Agent.