

proceeds of their annuity 600 acres in the Township of Cartwright, on the shores of Lake Seacog.

The improvements in their former farms were to be sold for their benefit, but, though repeatedly advertised for sale, no purchasers have as yet appeared for the land. This seems to have disheartened them, and although they bought their present Reserve for the purpose of improving in agricultural pursuits, they have only cultivated about 30 acres. On these they raised wheat, oats, Indian corn, potatoes, &c., but not in sufficient quantity to supply the Band with food.

They possess as public property 8 log houses, and a school house built in the same way, but the last is in very bad repair. They have neither school-master nor missionary resident among them.

The Band has dwindled since 1844 from 96 to 61, and this latter number comprises only 12 children of an age to go to school.

The Revenue of these three Bands is \$2960 arising solely from their Annuity, as the 1268 acres which they have surrendered, not being yet sold, are still unproductive.

These Indians have only about 270 acres actually in cultivation, but 314 are returned as having been cleared.

They raised last year :

Spring Wheat	690 Bushels,
Fall "	208 "
Indian Corn	78 "
Peas	117 "
Buck Wheat	6 "
Oats	177 "
Potatoes.....	586 "
Hay	39 Tons.

Their farming stock owned by individuals amounts to :

Horned Cattle	25
Horses	19
Pigs	56

They have also a very tolerable supply of farming implements, consisting of ploughs, harrows and fanning mills. They also possess several lumber waggons, wood sleighs, and other vehicles.

As doubts have been started respecting the Indian claim to the Islands in Rice Lake, it may be well to remark that at the time of the surrender of the country from the Head of the Bay of Quinte to the River Etobicoke, in 1788, Rice Lake was expressly reserved, and does not seem to have been subsequently ceded. It is true that there were such informalities in the execution of this Treaty, that Lt. Governor Simcoe declared it not to be binding except so far as the good faith of the Indians recognized it. They have carried out their share of the bargain, and we conceive that their claim to the Islands in Rice Lake should consequently be admitted.