

ONTARIO,
NORTHERN SUPERINTENDENCY, 4TH DIVISION,
PRINCE ARTHUR'S LANDING, 1st September, 1882.

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

SIR,—I have the honor herewith to transmit the annual tabular statement of statistics of Indian Affairs, in this division, for the year ending 30th June, 1882.

The Council House on the Fort William Indian reserve, to which I referred in my last report, is under contract, and will be finished this season.

The crops here, in quantity and quality, are in excess of those of any former year, and the band in general is in comfortable circumstances; those members who are willing to work, find no difficulty in obtaining employment at remunerative wages, a number of them being engaged on the Canadian Pacific Railway, now under construction.

Along on the north shore of Lake Superior, an epidemic, said to be measles, has prevailed generally among the Indians; quite a number of them have died; adults as well as children. I have endeavored to relieve them as far as possible, by furnishing them with a supply of medicine from time to time as required.

Owing chiefly to this cause, the new schools have not been opened, and very little advancement has been made during the season.

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

AMOS WRIGHT,
Indian Agent.

AGENCY, GOLDEN LAKE BAND,
ALGONQUIN INDIANS, 5th July, 1882.

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

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose a tabular statement of the progress of this band for the past year.

I have found it a difficult matter to induce the Indians to take an interest in cultivating their land, but I have, on the whole, succeeded as well as I could reasonably expect, and they are promising to make a greater effort another year. They have done their statute labor reasonably well.

I have also found it difficult to induce them to send their children at all regularly to school; they promise to do better in future in this respect. I have threatened to complain and get them deprived of a school, of which they seem afraid. I hope in another year the annual report will be more favorable. So little ground was prepared for this spring, that very little crop could be got in, except potatoes; but what is sown looks well, and for about the first time they will have enough potatoes to do them for a year.

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

JAMES PAUL,
Indian Agent.