

There is no material change in the condition of the Indians.

The crops for the year under consideration were rather less than the average, and in some cases the Indians would have suffered privations had it not been for the assistance derived through the other pursuits in which they engage.

#### THE MOHAWKS OF BAY OF QUINTÉ.

This band now number 889, being an increase of 7 persons, which would have amounted to a natural increase of 17 but for the removal of 9 persons to the Six Nations of Brantford.

During the past year a new school has been opened on the reserve, making the fourth; and I am pleased to be able to report that their schools are fairly attended, and that the teachers are qualified to teach in the public schools of the Province.

There are no other Indians in this Superintendency who take so much interest in educational matters, or whose children are so well taught.

#### MISSISSAGUAS OF ALNWICK.

This band now numbers 214, being an increase of 4 persons.

There is, I think, some little progress being made in habits of civilization, one cause of which is no doubt a decrease in the use of intoxicants.

There is one school on the reserve taught by a white girl, appointed by the Methodist Missionary Society, but I know very little about the teacher's qualifications or the attendance of the children.

#### MISSISSAGUAS OF RICE LAKE.

This band numbers 111, being the same as last year.

Some of the Indians cultivate their land in a tolerably satisfactory manner, but the majority do not, and obtain a very precarious subsistence by engaging as boatmen, fishing, gathering wild rice, and in some cases hunting, the women contributing their share by making baskets and fancy bark work.

There is one school taught by a white girl in the employ of the Methodist Missionary Society, to whom she now makes her reports.

#### MISSISSAGUAS OF MUD LAKE.

This band numbers 154, being an increase of 2 persons. These Indians farm, fish and hunt, and their wives and daughters manufacture and sell large quantities of baskets.

There is one school on the reserve, which is maintained by the New England Company, and the attendance at which is large and more regular than at any other school in the Superintendency. The regular attendance is no doubt owing to the fact that the scholars in attendance are daily provided with dinner *gratis*, and generally speaking the school has done good service.

For some time back, however, the teacher was inefficient, but a change has been made, and it is hoped that it will again attain its former usefulness.

#### MISSISSAGUAS OF SCUGOG.

There is an increase of one, making the number 42 persons.

The chief and one or two other families are industrious, and cultivate the land and raise fair crops. Several members of this band, however, are addicted to drunkenness, and live in idleness. There is no school on the reserve, the number being considered too small to have a teacher employed specially for their instruction.

It would be greatly to their advantage if they could be removed to Rice or Mud Lake, where they could have the same educational and religious advantages, in common