

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND,
LENNOX ISLAND, 14th August, 1882.

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

SIR,—I have the honor to forward you, along with tabular statement, my Report upon Indian affairs in this Superintendency for the year ended 30th June, 1882.

The Indians of Prince Edward Island own three reserves, viz.: The reserve of Lennox Island, situated in Richmond Bay, Prince County, containing 1,300 acres of land; the Morell Reserve, near the Morell River, in King County, containing 204 acres, and a reserve of 100 acres near Mount Stewart in Queen County. Only a few families reside on this last, and cultivate part of it.

This reserve was, I believe, given a few years ago by the Local Government, in exchange for another tract of land on Lot 67, in which the Indians were interested.

I am happy to be able to state that the Indians residing on the reserves are gradually improving in farming. More land was cleared and broken up this year than last; also more potatoes were planted and more oats sown than in previous years. Their crops look well and promise a good yield.

A marked improvement is noticeable, but a great drawback to a still greater improvement is the want of teams to put in their crops. Here on Lennox Island they have but one team of horses and a yoke of oxen, and on the Morell and Mount Stewart Reserves they have none. The Indians on these reserves have to hoe in their crops or hire teams from their white neighbors. They are very desirous to get a horse but have no means to purchase one.

There has been an increase in the population this year.

Many of them have been sick. Calls for medical help have been so numerous that a large portion of the annual grant was necessarily appropriated for this purpose alone.

I am still teaching here. The number of children of school age on Lennox Island is very limited, so the daily attendance is small. The children who are attending the school regularly make fair progress.

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

JOHN O. ARSENAULT,
Indian Superintendent.

MANITOBA SUPERINTENDENCY,
PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE AGENCY, ———, 1882.

The Right Honorable
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SIR,—I have the honor to submit the following Report, together with tabular statement, of the several bands of Indians under my charge for the past year.

I may say there has been but little improvement in the way of farming since my last Report; but, now that there is a farm instructor to assist, I trust to be able to give a more favorable report hereafter.

THE LONG PLAIN BAND,

planted, this year, thirty-six bushels of potatoes, three pounds of turnip seed, one pound of onion seed, and one pound of carrot seed, which looked very well at the time I was making the payment of annuities.

I tried to get some breaking done on this reserve, but owing to the demand for men and teams on the railroad and other public works, I was unable to do so. I