

main item in this statement to which we would call attention.

The amount returned under the head of fish, furs and other industries is \$3,300.00, for 1896 it was \$5,200.00. We suppose on this Reserve it would mean baskets, mats, axe-handles and such like articles. No doubt this is an item of which it is very difficult to get an accurate return but that seems undoubtedly to be a great falling off in this matter. In 1894 the amount under this head is returned as \$9,500.00 a very great falling off in two years indeed.

Now these are winter industries and by which when no other occupation was favourable to great extent many families supported themselves. Now why this falling off in two years from 9,500 to 3,300. Is it because our people have found more profitable employment in the winter? We think that there seems every year to be a glowing difficulty to find employment in the winter time. It is because there market for these articles has lessened? We think that in some measure the manufacture of axe-handles and such like articles by machinery has no doubt so lowered the price that there is not the profit in them that there formerly was. Still we do not think that that is all the reason. It is a subject that will deserve earnest consideration, the long winter months with nothing to do except to play snow-snake when the weather is favorable is neither profitable nor desirable in any way. There are hundreds of our young men who work among the farmers from April, to November, come home and have nothing to do till next April. If employment could be found for them during the winter it would be a great benefit in every way.

The re-laying of the foundation stone of the Council House at Oshweken, an account of the proceedings will be found in another place. Every thing passed off in a most satisfactory manner. We gladly hail the remodelling of the Council House as the old building as it stood in the middle of the Reserve was certainly unworthy of the Six Nations, the inside as well as the out. The opinion was expressed by some that it would have been better if an entirely new building had been put up. But we think the Prudential spirit that guided the decision of the council was a right one, and that the Council House re-modelled will answer the purpose both in appearance and usefulness for a long time to come.

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#### Reservation Items

Spring seems to be coming at an unusual pace and was never more welcome. Many were tightly pinched to bring their stock through the winter. The winter of 1895 will long be remembered.

The water in the river has sunk to its usual proportions. The river road was rendered impassable by the flood which washed away the bridge near Mr. Holding's farm.

A great many of the culverts and small bridges are unsafe from the earth being washed away by their side.

We regret the serious accident that has befallen the Rev. C. Stringfellow, the highly respected missionary on the New Credit reserve. While driving on the Hagersville road the axle of his buggy broke, frightening the horse which kicked the Rev. gentleman, fracturing his leg. We hope he may speedily recover. At a meeting of the missionary association held in April, at the Grand River parsonage, a

resolution was passed expressing sympathy with the Rev. Mr. Stringfellow.

The next meeting of the missionary association is to be held at Kenyengeh parsonage, the last Tuesday in April.

The special services held in St Paul's church, on Good Friday and Easter Sunday were, considering the condition of the roads, well attended.

The annual vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday, April 6th. Messrs Peter Miller and J. Davis were appointed church wardens for the coming year, and Chief A. G. Smith and Mr. J. C. Martin, delegates to the synod.

#### Church Support.

The following paper was read by Mr. N. Moses at the Church Workers' Meeting at Oshweken.

Rev. Chairman:

Also to my fellow church people. In bringing my paper before you, I believe, it is one of importance to our churches upon this Reserve. Since it is a great draw-back in our midst, I thought a few suggestions might be of some benefit. I am only sorry that I feel far from being able to do justice to so important a subject.

In the first place no individual or community can prosper without having some resources to draw from. All our churches must have some money for repairs and various other things.

The question is, in what way are we to raise this money. We upon this Reserve have been greatly blessed, our missionaries are sent to us free. That noble band of Christians, called the New England Company has favored us with faithful missionaries, these many years, a worthy example are they, and I think it is time we began to