

Department of Indian Affairs.

The crops again this year look most promising. The leading road through the settlement on Georgina Island is now in good condition and the premises of the different families kept neat and tidy.

There remain now only two families on Snake Island, with comfortable homes. Island life has its disadvantages; one of these the difficulty of access at certain seasons. It has also its advantages; one of these removed from daily contact with the white man whose habits are not always exemplary.

I have the honour to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. R. STEVENSON,
Indian Agent.

CAPE CROKER AGENCY, 25th August, 1892.

The Honourable
The Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit my annual report and tabular statement on Indian affairs for the year ended 30th June, 1892.

This band now numbers three hundred and ninety-six, being an increase of two since last year. The general health of this people has been fairly good and in most cases their sanitary condition is satisfactory.

On account of the continued drought last spring and early summer the crops were very poor, especially hay, which was a total failure. This being the case many of the Indians were forced to dispose of the greater part of their live stock for want of fodder.

The unusually rough weather in the fall prevented them from catching more than half the quantity of fish they usually take. These causes alone were sufficient to make many of them feel that economy was a necessity in their mode of living. However, with the aid and advice of Chief McGregor and myself, they managed to get through the winter without applying for assistance elsewhere.

The hay crop this year is excellent and other crops promise an abundant yield, which will materially assist them through the coming winter.

The new Methodist church erected here this summer is a complete structure; it is said to be one of the best churches in the county, and reflects credit on the Indians of this band who so liberally voted funds from their capital to build it.

The missionary here, the Rev. Mr. Carson, is an energetic man and is a zealous worker amongst those under his charge.

The three schools on this reserve have been open most of the year and it is pleasing to note that the average attendance of pupils is on the increase and also that they are making fair advancement in their studies.

Hoping this course may be continued,

I have the honour to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. W. JERMYN,
Indian Agent.

SAUGEEN RESERVE,
CHIPPEWA HILL, ONT., 23rd August, 1892.

The Honourable
The Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit herewith my report and tabular statement of the Chippewa Indians of the Saugeen Reserve for the year ended 30th June, 1892. This band now numbers three hundred and seventy-nine.