

Excellency some satisfactory information respecting the Indians frequenting these parts, which I am now quite unable to do, owing to the neglect of the late Agent to forward a report. I may state, however, that the Indians of the four counties, it is believed, number between 300 and 400 souls.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

There are two Indian Superintendencies and one Indian Agency for this Province.

The northern and eastern counties form one Superintendency, and the southern and western counties the other. The counties of Victoria and Madawaska are under an Agent.

In the Superintendency first above described the Indians are Micmacs. They are reported to have made good use of the seed given them last spring to plant. These Indians readily find employment at mills or in other branches of industry. They have two schools in operation, viz.: at Burnt Church Reserve and on the reserve at Eel Ground, in the County of Northumberland. The latter was only established this year. Both institutions are doing very fairly.

In this Superintendency there are ten reserves, viz. :—

At Dalhousie, County of Restigouche, Indian Population.....	42
“ Bathurst, “ Gloucester, “ “	40
“ Burnt Church, “ Northumberland “ “	200
“ Eel Ground, “ “ “ “	128
“ Red Bank, “ “ “ “	68
“ Indian Island, “ Kent, “ “	85
“ Big Cove, “ “ “ “	248
“ Buctouche, “ “ “ “	46
“ Shediac, “ Westmoreland, “ “	44
“ Folly Point, “ “ “ “	43
Total.....	944

In the Superintendency for the south and west counties, the crops are reported to have been below the average this year. The Indians of these counties engage as raftsmen, and obtain employment from farmers. Schools are about to be established on the reserves at St. Mary's and Kingsclear, buildings for the purpose having been erected by the Department during the past year, very much to the satisfaction of the Indians.