

I regret to have to record a sad case of drowning, occasioned by liquor. It occurred in February last, at Mill Village. The *Liverpool Advance* thus speaks of the lamentable occurrence: "Our Indians, who are pretty flush with cash, had rather a lively time at their camps a few weeks ago, on eight bottles of rum, obtained at Liverpool. One of them, a young man named Peter Pigtow, rushed from his companions early Sunday morning, while crazed with liquor, and has not since been heard of. His friends have been searching for him in all directions, but have found no trace of his whereabouts. Fears are entertained that he has either fallen into the river or strayed into the woods and perished. *So much for rum's doings.*" A few months later, while some men were working logs about the dam, the body of a man was discovered lodged against one of the piers. Upon examination it proved to be the remains of the unfortunate Pigtow. Since then I have administered the temperance pledge to the majority of those under my care; and to remove temptation, have called on all the liquor dealers at Liverpool, and received their promise to give no liquor to Indians under any consideration.

Quite a large quantity of salmon was taken in the early spring by Indians at Mill Village, and later on by those at Milton. During the month of February a few Indians took from the Port Medway river salmon aggregating 55 lbs., and selling at \$1 per lb.

The Indians of this county have had a fair return of crops, excepting hay, which is below that of last year. The children do not take as kindly to the schools as I would wish. The dislike of associating with them in the school evinced by white children may, to some extent, account for this.

In Lunenburg County, the attendance at school is about the same as last year.

The crops with them are, as here, fairly good; hay below last year.

The Labradorers have sold out to an American company their shares in the gold mines near Bridgewater, and placed the money in bank.

I find the Indians of both counties, as a general rule, sober, industrious and attentive to their religious duties. Were they not tracked by unprincipled vendors of poisonous liquor, they would be examples worthy the imitation of their more civilized white neighbour.

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

THOMAS J. BUTLER,
Indian Agent, Districts 3 and 4.

No report from District No. 5, Nova Scotia, to which a new Agent has been newly appointed.

No report from Mr. James Gass, District No. 6 "A", Nova Scotia.

TRURO, N.S., 15th July, 1834.

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

SIR,—I beg to enclose herewith tabular statement containing statistics for the year ended 30th June last; also Report concerning the Indians under my charge.

I have very little to state. We have had the usual amount of sickness and death, but no deaths from contagious diseases.

During the past year I had two persons arrested for selling liquor to the Indians, and proved my case; but, unfortunately, they both escaped from the hands of the