

The education of the Lower Canadian tribes languishes. I regret to say that the schools are few and ill attended; a new one has, it is true, been just established among the Micmacs of the Restigouche, but there is a difficulty in providing funds for the salary of the teacher. Schools, Lower Canada.

By the arrangements previously decided upon, the distribution of presents has ceased, and the last issue took place at Manitoulin Island. They had diminished so much in quantity and value, that the principal sufferers by their cessation are the aged, a large number of whom will be compensated by the annual issue of blankets, as recommended by Viscount Bury. In obedience to instructions received from your Excellency, I append a list of those who are recommended by the local superintendents as fitting objects to receive this bounty. Presents.

I also annex to this Report, a nominal return of the Indians enjoying pensions from the Imperial Government, which your Excellency was pleased to inform me has been called for by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies. Pensions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(signed) *R. T. Pennefather*, Superintendent General.

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Appendix, No. 3.

CENSUS RETURN OF INDIANS.

Under the Superintendence of *Duncan C. Napier*, made on the 18th day of September 1856.

T R I B E.	Adults.		Youths.		Children.		Total Number.	Increase since last Census.	Decrease since last Census.
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.			
1. Huron of Lorette - - - -	51	67	11	15	38	50	232	48	—
2. Amalicate and Micmac Indians of Isle Verte, &c. - - - -	42	46	14	17	12	16	147	5	—
3. Abenquois of Becancour - - -	20	19	14	16	8	10	87	6	—
4. Algonquin, District Three Rivers - -	15	25	3	5	10	9	67	-	12*
5. Iroquois of Caughnawaga - - -	362	360	86	66	292	253	1,419	387	—
6. Iroquois of St. Regis - - - -	127	143	48	47	159	134	658	120	—
7. Abenquois of St. Francis - - -	79	97	36	23	80	72	387	34	—
8. Nipissings and Têtes de Boule, of Lake of Two Mountains - - - -	68	73	30	31	87	82	371	4	—
9. Algonquin, of Lake of Two Mountains -	65	70	27	19	91	69	341	1	—
10. Iroquois, of Lake of Two Mountains -	79	78	29	34	95	88	403	64	—
11. Micmac of Ristigouche, &c. - -	115	134	40	45	105	116	555	131	—
GRAND TOTAL - - -	1,023	1,112	338	318	977	899	4,667	800	12

* Principally employed as hunters by the fur traders.

Indian Office, Montreal, }
18 September 1856. }

(signed) *D. C. Napier*.

Appendix, No. 1.

Sir,

Toronto, 20 November 1856.

His Excellency the Governor General having been pleased to entrust to me the conduct and management of the first auction sale of a portion of the Indian territory in the Saugeen peninsula, I have the honour to submit with my return all the books and maps connected therewith, and a tabular statement in detail, showing the result of the sale.

The two southern townships, Keppel and Amabel, containing about 144,000 acres, were the ones sold. Every lot was put up by the auctioneer; and of the whole number of acres offered, 35,364 were not bid for. They therefore remain over for the next sale.

The town plot of Southampton on the north side of the Saugeen River, at its entrance to Lake Huron, comprising 38 park lots from 1 to 19 acres, and 279 town lots of about half an acre each, was included in the sale of these two townships, and every lot sold.

The town plots of Oliphant and Wiarton, each containing 1,000 acres, laid out in town and park lots, are both situated in the township of Amabel. These were not included in my instructions, and were not brought forward. They also remain for future disposal.

Ten shillings and threepence was the average upset price for farm lots, and 18 s. 6 d. an acre the average rate at which they sold.

The farm lots sold at an average advance of 80 per cent.

The park lots at an average advance of 150 per cent, and

The town lots at an average advance of 325 per cent. on the upset prices.

Some few remaining farm and park lots were also sold on what is termed the half mile Indian strip, a portion of which was formerly surrendered to the Government by the Indians, and sold for their benefit.