

ONTARIO.
WESTERN SUPERINTENDENCY,
INDIAN AGENCY,
HIGHGATE, 14th October, 1880.

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

SIR,—In compliance with the request of the Indian Department, instructing me to transmit a report for the year ending the 30th June, 1880, on Indian matters, together with tabular statement for the same term, within my agency, I have now the honor to comply therewith.

I regret that my report will be a few days late owing to a severe attack of typhoid fever, which confined me to my bed for five or six weeks; however, I have taken great care to have the tabular statement as correct as possible.

THE MORAVIANS OF THE THAMES.

The Indians of this reserve now number 271, which is an increase of two since last report. All do not participate in the division of the half-yearly annuity, as some were removed from the pay-list on account of their living in adultery.

In farming and agriculture the Indians are making slow but steady improvement; they are taking a greater amount of pride in having their farms look well, and putting their crops in better, than they have done in former years, and I must say that their crops this year are, in most cases, splendid. Wheat, oats and corn, in many cases, are equal to any raised by the white settlers in this vicinity. Potatoes are also a good crop.

There are not as many acres under cultivation as there ought to be on a reserve like this, where the land is all good, but one great drawback is the want of rail timber, which is the cause of a great portion of the land being left in common.

There are two schools on the reserve. One is supported out of the Indian funds, and the other by the Moravian Church Society.

The schools are well conducted and very well attended, although the school house, under the control of the Indians is in a very dilapidated condition. It is built of logs, has been up some time, and is now in a very bad state, but I believe it is the intention of the band to build a new one next summer.

There is a Lodge of Good Templars, in first-class standing, on the reserve, which I believe is doing a good work; in fact, the most of the Indians are very temperate, and it is only at odd times, such as pay days, when they have plenty of money, that some will indulge too freely in intoxicating liquors.

There are no industries carried on, on the reserve; all depend on farming and their annuity money for a living, and seem contented and satisfied with their present mode of living.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN BEATTIE,
Indian Agent.

CENTRAL SUPERINTENDENCY,
INDIAN AFFAIRS,
TORONTO, 19th November, 1880.

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

SIR,—I have the honor to submit the following report, together with the accompanying tabular statement, showing the progress, &c., of the several Indian communities in this Superintendency for the year ended 30th June last.