
have ninety-three acres under cultivation, of which fifty acres were newly broken this year. They raised one thousand five hundred and forty bushels of produce and cut one hundred and forty-five tons of hay. The amount realized by them from their other industries is estimated at \$6,000.

The Indians owning the reserve at Sandy Bay on Lake Manitoba, appear to have resolved to settle down to farming. They have made preparations to build houses, have broken up, fenced and planted new land on the reserve, have completed the erection of a school house, and made preparations to build a residence for the teacher. The school is making fair progress. The fishing in the locality is good, and from the sale of the fish the Indians derive a revenue. The agent reports that these Indians appreciate the earnest desire of the Government to promote their welfare, and thankfully acknowledge the assistance given them; and as fur-bearing animals have become scarce, they begin to realize the fact that they must look mainly to the soil for their future subsistence.

The Indians composing what is known as the Lake Manitoba band are described as endeavoring to improve their circumstances. Members of this band who have been nomadic in their habits, or who had settled outside of the reserve, are gradually moving to it. The band being divided into two sections, resident at a considerable distance from each other, much inconvenience is occasioned, especially in school matters. Their fishery last autumn was unsuccessful. The Indians made good use of the seed given them last spring, and here, as elsewhere, owing to the diminution in the number of fur-bearing animals, the Indians are obliged to resort to agriculture for a subsistence.

The Indians of the Ebb and Flow Lake reserve have their gardens well fenced, and own a considerable number of horses and cattle. They have also erected some new houses and barns. The school on this reserve is favorably reported of.

The band on the reserve at Crane River had good crops this year. They own a number of horses and cattle, and have good stables. There is a school in operation on the Reserve, but owing to the indifferent health of the teacher (who is to be replaced by another), the progress of the pupils has been unsatisfactory.

The gardens of the Indians of the Water Hen River reserve are reported to have been more skilfully worked than was formerly the case. There is an excellent school in operation on this reserve.

At Duck Bay the Indians are orderly, and desirous of making progress. There is a school in operation on the reserve, which appears to be very well managed, and the progress of the pupils is satisfactory.

The band owning the reserve at Sandy Bay, on Lake St. Martin, have, with the assistance of the Department, recently completed a good school house, which