

At Kamloops is a Roman Catholic mission, which has been established for many years, where reside three Fathers, of whom the Rev. Father LeJacq is the principal. There are also resident "Sisters of Ste. Anne," and schools for white children. Doubtless the influence of the priesthood among the Indians, which is of long standing, has been of much benefit to them.

The Indians, both Protestant and Roman Catholic, throughout the Agency, are most regular in their attendance at church or chapel, one of which has been erected by each band of Indians, and in which they take great pride.

For example: the Kamloops band are now building a church which has already cost upwards of four hundred dollars, and will doubtless cost as much more before being thoroughly completed.

A large amount of good fencing was built during last winter by both the South Thompson and Adam's Lake bands, whilst each of the above named eight bands has added more or less largely to its arable lands.

A scarcity of available water for irrigating purposes stands in the way of largely increased cultivation, although in several places projected ditches for irrigation have been surveyed by the Government, which ditches I trust I shall be able to persuade the Indians to make and utilize.

As shown by the statistics I have collected, these above named eight bands of Indians, numbering four hundred and eighty-three (483), are the owners of some 6,300 head of stock, the value of which at a low computation shows their possessors to be well off. More lands were last summer apportioned by the Indian Commissioner (the Hon. P. O'Reilly) for the use of both the Bonapart and Clinton Indians, but as up to the present time they have not been surveyed, I do not include them in my tabular statement.

Such is the case also with lands recently apportioned to the Ashcroft, Poska, and Lytton bands.

The Ashcroft, Poska, She-ma-kat-se, Nicola Crossing, Nicomen, Lytton, Stryen, Kanaka Bar, Booth-royd, and Spuzzum Indians are with some exceptions of the Protestant religion, having been for many years under the teaching of clergymen aided or appointed by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in England, notably under that of the Rev. J. B. Good, who spares himself no trouble in prosecuting his work among them, and is much revered by them.

A praiseworthy and industrious band of Indians at Ashcroft sets a good example to the neighboring bands, and is doing well in every respect.

The same can be said of She-mak-altseés band, which has more land under cultivation, though numbering but 34 men, than is to be found on any other reserve in this Agency.

The reservation at Nicola Crossing is a good one, but with this exception, the remaining reserves to the south are poorer and smaller, owing doubtless to the scarcity of good land in this mountainous part of the Province.

At Lytton and Stryen a small amount of grain is grown, but potatoes and garden stuffs are the sole products of the reservation of Kanaka Bar, Boothroyds, Boston Bar, and Spuzzum. The Boothroyd band under an excellent chief (by name Hom-hom-elst) is worthy of commendation. Its gardens are very well cultivated, its houses well built and kept in a cleanly way, and the village presents a most creditable appearance.

From Cook's Ferry to Spuzzum the Indians are busily engaged in packing freight on their horses and in working on the railway and its surroundings, for all of which they receive good pay.

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

HENRY P. CORNWALL,
Indian Agent.