

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,
PERTH CENTRE, VICTORIA Co., 31st August, 1882.

The Right Honorable

The Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward tabular statement and also the following Report of the Indians within my Agency, for the year ended the 30th June last.

Their condition is much the same as in my previous reports. They have increased fourteen in population during the year, their number being one hundred and eighty-four at present.

They are troubled very much with cattle running at large and destroying their crops, there being no way that they can prevent them, not having any pound or regulation or law whereby they can be impounded.

The school at Tobique has been regularly taught since first of February, 1881, up to the 30th June of the present year; it will commence again in October next and continue through the winter.

The children of the band at Little Falls do not attend the school at that place as formerly owing to some difficulty, I am informed, between them and the white children.

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

MOSES CRAIG,
Indian Agent.

CHATHAM HEAD, NEW BRUNSWICK,
10th November, 1882.

The Right Honorable

The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward tabular statement for the year ended 30th June last, which is as complete as circumstances will permit.

The census shows an increase of thirty. This is owing to Indians coming from other quarters to obtain employment here.

On most of the reserves the Indians have made good use of the seed given them. Some of them, however, are not disposed to plant or sow, and it is difficult to get others of them to farm any, from the fact that when seed time arrives they have nothing to live on, and are compelled to work in the mills or elsewhere to earn something to support their families.

The school at Burnt Church is doing well, but irregular attendance, which time may overcome, is a great drawback to the advancement of the pupils.

The school at Eel Ground, recently in operation, has a good attendance and is working well, having a superior and experienced teacher.

I am pleased to state that intemperance is on the decrease, cases of drunkenness being of more rare occurrence than formerly.

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

CHAS. SARGEANT,
Visiting Superintendent and Agent.