

Their modes of obtaining a living consist of farming, in which they are making satisfactory progress, manual labor on the railway, fishing—the trout and whitefish caught by them being very fine—and trapping fur-bearing animals in the winter.

Their cattle are well cared for, and after feeding them they generally have a surplus of hay to sell.

The Indians of Long Lake Reserve are entirely dependent for subsistence on trapping fur-bearing animals, and on game and fish killed by them.

They are very successful in this avocation, and are quite comfortable in their circumstances.

During the open season they engage in the transport of supplies for the Hudson Bay Company to their posts on the north shore of Lake Superior and inland.

The land on their reserve is not adapted for agriculture.

The Nepigon Indian Band has the largest population in this superintendency—they at present number 500 souls.

They form a prosperous community, being described by the Agent as well-to-do, industrious and cleanly in their habits; many of them possessing excellent houses and good gardens.

Like their brethren at Long Lake, these Indians make a lucrative living by trapping. Fish are also abundant and of excellent quality in the vicinity.

They have a large reserve on Gull River, but they have not yet settled thereon; although when the survey of the tract was made about two years ago, they were anxious that it should be correctly defined.

Their houses and gardens are on an island which is locally known as Jack Fish Island.

Near the mouth of the River Nepigon there is a small band located on land which was surveyed for them last season. The soil is very productive and the Indians farm successfully and occupy their lots in severalty.

They form a prosperous and happy settlement.

Many of the men obtain remunerative employment as guides and boatmen from tourists during the summer.

There is a school in operation on the reserve.

The small band owing the reserve on Golden Lake, in the County of Renfrew, suffered a diminution of 2 in their population during the past year; their present number being 77. Diphtheria attacked some of the children and proved fatal in several cases.

Improvements in the farms and buildings of those members of the band who cultivate land is reported; and attendance at the school is said to be regular, and the progress of the pupils satisfactory.