

COUNTY OF HASTINGS, TYENDINAGA AGENCY,
SHANNONVILLE, ONT., 31st August, 1889.

The Honorable
The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit my annual report and tabular statement for the year ended 30th June, 1889. This band now numbers 1,069, being an increase of nineteen during the past year.

There have been fourteen deaths, thirty-one births, and two persons were admitted into the band.

The crops are good this season, and provisions are plentiful.

The four schools on this reserve are in operation, and are progressing favorably. They are under the tuition of efficient teachers, selected by John Johnston, Esq., Public School Inspector.

The Rev. G. A. Anderson is very attentive to the moral and spiritual wants of the Indians under his care. We have an efficient council, composed of five shrewd business men, who conduct the business of the band in a satisfactory manner.

The interest money distributed during the last year amounted to \$4,343.46, and the usual supply of blankets has been distributed among the aged and infirm Indians.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

MATTHEW HILL,

Indian Agent.

SIMCOE AGENCY, GEORGINA, ONT., 20th August, 1889.

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Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit my report and tabular statement for the year ended 30th June, 1889.

The population is now one hundred and twenty-seven, an increase of two since last census, the result of three births and one death.

The health of the band, with few exceptions, has been remarkably good, and, generally speaking, the band is very prosperous, earning a comfortable living; adding materially to their stock of worldly goods, and surrounding themselves with many comforts unknown to them in former days.

The sobriety and morality of the band continues excellent. More attention is paid every year to neatness and cleanliness of premises and person.

The crop harvested was abundant, and in excess of those of many former years. More attention is paid to gardening, and many are very successful in this respect. Live stock is kept in most excellent condition and is well wintered.

The new organ purchased for the church at a cost of \$100 was paid for during the year by a voluntary contribution in baskets which were sold in Toronto.

The teacher who succeeded Mr. Mayes (Mr. Henry, an Indian) gave satisfaction, and it is likely he will be re-engaged.

As is my custom, I provided seed grain this spring for nearly all, and a good deal was sown. The crop promises to be a good one and is now being harvested.

By the kindness of the management of the Industrial Exhibition at Toronto I was allowed to take the Chief, Councillor McCue and Wm. Bigsail, and camp on the grounds last fall for a week. This was a great boon to the Indians, they having seen and learnt much, and carried home with them many new ideas.