

miles from Liverpool, where they occupy comfortable houses and support themselves for the most part by fishing, hunting, and basket-making.

The Indians of this county are very moral and well-behaved, and, although facilities for obtaining liquor are unlimited, they are strictly temperate. The Indian population is 100.

*County of Lunenburg.*—The Indians of this county are described as being a law-abiding people, setting a good example by their moral conduct. They are anxious to have their children educated, and promise to erect a schoolhouse if the Department will provide a teacher.

Their reserves are situated on Gold River, near Chester, and at New Germany. The Indian population is 54.

*Colchester County.*—The Indians of this county have no reserve. They consist of stragglers from other counties, who make the vicinity of Truro their headquarters, as they find a ready sale for their manufactures at that centre. They suffered from the severity and length of last winter. The grant made every autumn by the Department to the sick and aged among these and the Indians of other counties in the Province was the means of alleviating much misery. Diphtheria, however, and pulmonary diseases proved fatal in several cases. The Indian population in this county is stated to average 100. It is, however, from the circumstances above stated necessarily variable.

*County of Cumberland.*—The condition of the Indians of this county is reported to be very materially improved, and the population to be increasing from natural causes. There have been no deaths during the year. Those settled on the reserve at Halfway Lake are developing a taste for agriculture; their fields being well cared for by them, &c. The young men are honest and industrious, and obtain constant employment from white farmers living near the reserve. The Indian population of this county is 130.

*County of Hants.*—These Indians have a reserve at Indian Brook, Shubenacadie, and appear to be making some progress. A school house is in course of erection on the reserve. The Indians number 169 souls.

*Counties of Annapolis, Digby, Yarmouth and Shelburne.*—These counties were until this year embraced in one Agency. It was found, however, that the district was too large for one Agent to supervise it properly. It was accordingly divided into two Agencies, Digby and Yarmouth forming one, and Annapolis and Shelburne the other Agency. It is hoped that by this arrangement Indian affairs in these counties will hereafter be better managed than has heretofore been the case, and I trust that I shall be in a position in my next Annual Report on Indian Affairs, to afford Your