

this reserve are reported to be kept in a very creditable condition. The Indians during the past year erected an Episcopal Church building. All the work on it was done by Indians, and in a very workmanlike manner.

The superintendency known as the Central Indian Superintendency of Ontario, which previously embraced several bands and reserves, situated at various points between the lower end of the Georgian Bay and the head of the Bay of Quinté, was by Order of Your Excellency in Council of the 27th July, 1882, abolished, as was intimated in my Report of last year would probably be recommended, and local agencies are about to be established for each band. Indeed three of the Agents have already been appointed, and the others will, with Your Excellency's approval, be appointed at an early date.

The Indian bands comprehended in this now defunct Superintendency are reported by the officer, who until recently presided over them, to be improving in every respect, there being but few cases of real destitution; and the funds of the band are always generously voted for the amelioration of any such cases. In almost every Indian village or settlement, a temperance society has been established, and great benefit has attended the same. On many of the reserves agriculture is more successfully and skilfully followed, more land being cultivated and larger crops raised than was ever previously the case.

The fishing operations of the bands occupying reserves on the shores of the upper lakes have also been very successful. But at some points, more especially at Saugeen and on the Christian Islands in the Georgian Bay, white fishermen have greatly interfered with the Indians by trespassing on their fishing grounds.

On some of the reserves an improvement in educational matters is perceptible. The schools are conducted with more efficiency, and there is an increasing desire for superior school accommodation. On the reserve near Saugeen, two new brick school houses, with cottages for the teachers, were erected this year at a cost of \$4,630, to the funds of the band.

The roads on the various reserves are kept in repair by statute labor exacted from all able to work. Many of these roads are in very fair order.

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The Superintendency of the Lower St. Lawrence includes the Indians known as the Montagnais, who in bands under their respective chiefs resort to several favorite points on the north shore upon their return in the spring from their hunting grounds to the coast. They then employ themselves in catching fish which they barter with traders for other necessaries. The following are the places frequented by them in the open season:—