

Their progress in temporal matters has been marked and decided. No band of Indians in Canada West, considering the time they have been under the care of Missionaries, have made greater progress in habits of industry and self-reliance. I send you the subjoined extract from the Report of the Commissioners appointed by the Government to visit the several Indian Stations throughout Canada. (See Report, page 57.) The number of acres on the Island, cleared, amount to 2,139, and the produce raised there by the Indians, in the last year (1857) was as follows:—

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| Wheat.....(bushels) | 1,517 | Peas(bushels) | 377 |
| Corn " | 6,388 | Potatoes..... " | 3,965 |
| Oats " | 547 | Buckwheat " | 74 |
| Beans " | 418 | Hay(tons) | 294 |

They have no regular village, but live more or less scattered on their several clearings. They have 4 frame and 94 log houses, while 41 families still live in wigwams. They have, besides, 28 barns, of which 6 are frame buildings, the remainder being constructed of logs. Their live stock, to the raising of which they pay considerable attention, consists of

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| Cows | 75 | Young Horses | 150 |
| Yokes of Oxen | 41 | Pigs..... | 514 |
| Young Cattle..... | 132 | Sheep | 11 |
| Horses..... | | | 179 |

Their farming implements are the same as those in use among the whites, and comprise

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| Waggons | 9 | Harrows | 23 |
| Carts..... | 3 | Fanning Mills | 7 |
| Sleighs | 46 | Thrashing Machines | 1 |
| Sets of Harness | 56 | Sets of Carpenter's Tools.. | 9 |
| Ploughs | 48 | Sets of Blacksmith's Tools | 1 |

The frame barns were erected entirely at the cost of the owners, and during the last year four good log houses have been completed with but small assistance from the Indian Department. The whole of the work was done by the Indians.

There are at present on the Island,—