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The weather continues very dry and the crops are suffering in consequence, those on the clay land are holding out the best; still if rain does not soon come the loss will be very great.

We hear that the S. N. A. S. have invited the Governor-General to be present at the exhibition of that society in the fall.

In the Northwest the crops are reported as looking favorable for a good harvest.

We are glad to hear that the last accounts of the Rev. I. Tenent are that he is somewhat better.

Some amendments to the Indian act are on their way through Parliament.

Road mending is actively proceeded with; in some parts there will not be so much done on account of the amount of statute labor already performed in clearing the roads of the unusually heavy snow drifts of the past winter.

The Missionaries' Association will meet at the Kanyengeh parsonage on Wednesday, June 26th.

The convention of the Tuscarora S. S. Association was held at Ohsweken on Wednesday, June 11. The proceedings were of a very interesting character. Chief I. Johnson, who has ably filled the post of president for the past three years, retires; the position being filled by Mr. I. Monture. The number of scholars on the roll shows an increase during the past year, the number reaching now to 700. In the course of his report Chief Johnson made a statement regarding the relative strength of

the pagan and christian population on the Reserve, comparing the returns of 1890 and 1894, which was of a very discouraging nature to those engaged in missionary work on the Reserve. But on carefully examining the returns we find that there is really not that ground for discouragement, which Chief Johnson seemed to find. He based his remarks on the fact that the returns showed in 1890 the number of pagans as 630, and in 1894, 817, showing an increase of 187. But if we compare the years 1893 and 1894 we find the returns as follows: 1893, total pop. 3531, christian pop. 2,634, pagan pop. 897; for 1894, total pop. 3557, christian pop. 2,740, pagan 817. During that year then, the last we have returns for, the total population increased 26, christian population increased 106, and the pagan population decreased 80. Now with regard to this matter, it is be shown that there has been great deal of fluctuation and change, and up to the returns 1892 and 1893 there has been increase in the number of those returned under the head of paga. The cause of this is to be found in the greater accuracy of the returns under the present system. For instance, let us go back one-half a decade. In the year 1889 we find the religious returns as follows:— Total population 3,384, Protestants 2,137, Roman Catholic 25, Pagan 684, religion unknown 534, Universalists 4. In 1894 we have only Protestants and Pagans returned; what has become of the R. C's. and the Great Unknown? They have been absorbed into the Protestants and Pagans. Now, we think that a great many of those unknown have found their way into the number of those returned as Pagans, and have caused the rise of Pagans from 684 in 1889 to 897 in 1893. Since then as we have observed before, there has been a rapid decline. But now let us compare the returns of the last five years: 1889, total pop. 3,384, Protestant