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Sault Ste. Marie Detachment.

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Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., July 20th., 1926

The Officer Commanding,
R. C. Mounted Police,
Western Ontario District,
Toronto, Ontario.

Sir,

re:- Indians, - Michipicoten Mission Band.

Report.

I have the honour to report with reference the above Band of Indians, that I visited this Reserve company with the Indian Agent, A.D. McNabb, on the afternoon of the 16th., inst., Mr. McNabb had previously informed me that he had received a complaint that the Indians of this Band were making moonshine.

On our arrival, there was a funeral taking place, when this was going on, I visited the homes of the Indians, but could find no trace of liquor and any apparatus suitable for the manufacture of illicit liquor.

I made some discreet enquiries and was informed that some of the Indians had been drunk on July 1st., an informant stated that he suspected this liquor had come from a place named Wawa City, a small white settlement about 6 miles from the Mission, after the Agent had paid the Indians their Treaty Money, we proceeded by train to Wawa City. It was necessary for us to stay at the hotel for about 3 hours, during this time I visited some houses and at two of these there were a number of empty gallon tins, some of which smelt of moonshine, I was unable to locate any mash or apparatus in these places these places were visited without arousing the suspicion of the owners, as they are known to Mr. McNabb and were visited under the pretense of putting in the time while waiting for the speeder to take us to Michipicoten Mission.

There is no doubt that a still is being operated somewhere in the vicinity of this Mission, whether it is at Wawa or at some distant point, shipped into these places I am at present unable to say but enquiries will be made with the view of locating the still.

There are about 17 families at most of the men folk are engaged in the fishing industries.

I have the

honor

Your obed

F.A. Samson, Re.
i/c Sault Ste. Marie

Commissioner,
Ottawa, OTTAWA.

Recorded for his information. There is some drinking taking place on the reservation. It is noted that Corporal Samson is on duty with a view to locating the still.

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