

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

ANNUAL REPORT—LAND SALES BRANCH.

The land sold during the year amounted to 9,528.82 acres, and the sales to \$13,183.23.  
 The quantity of land still in the market in round numbers is 465,859 acres.  
 The new sales entered, 142.  
 Leases issued, 171.  
 Number of payments entered on old sales, 580.  
 Number of payments on leases, 406.  
 Total collections on account of new and old states of land and timber, and also on account of rents amounted to \$89,485.69.  
 Agent's returns examined and entered, 231.  
 Assignments of land examined and registered, 625.  
 Description for patents prepared and entered, 224.  
 Patents examined and despatched, 224.  
 Patents cancelled, 4.  
 Sales cancelled, 15.  
 Location tickets issued and entered, 32.

L. VANKOUNET,  
*Deputy Supt. Gen. of Indian Affairs.*  
 WM. PLUMMER,  
*Commissioner of Lands and Timber.*

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
 OTTAWA, 30th June, 1885.

SAUGEEN AGENCY.

SAUGEEN RESERVE, Sept 5th, 1885.

The Right Honorable  
 The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,  
 Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit herewith my report and tabular statement in regard to the Chippewas of the Saugeen Band of Indians for the year ended 30th June, 1885.

I can add but little by way of report, as my appointment to the agency took place on the 8th of June last, only 22 days before the end of the fiscal year, and therefore my experience with respect to their habits and industry is limited, not enabling me to give so full and complete a report as would be desirable.

This band numbers 347, being a decrease of 15 during the year.

In preparing my tabular statement I had in a great measure, to depend upon the information received from different Indians, and from the late Agent.

It is pleasant, however, to relate that much work has been done on their roads; in building culverts and ditches.

The Indians are turning their attention more to the cultivation of their land, and are making some progress. A few who confine themselves to agriculture are apparently in much better circumstances.

The crops this year promise to be excellent.

The introduction of the Scott Act into the County of Bruce has been of great advantage to the Indians. Not a single case has taken place where an Indian has been accused of partaking of any intoxicant whatever and as such has been the case the Act cannot be too highly appreciated by those who take an interest in the welfare

of the Indians.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
 Your obedient servant,  
 JAMES TELFER CONWAY,  
*Indian Agent.*

CAPE CROCKER AGENCY.

No report from Agent Jermyn, he having been appointed about the end of the fiscal year.  
 The number of acres of Indian lands sold in the County of Bruce for the fiscal year was 1206 amounting to \$1,215.75. The approximate quantity of Indian lands remaining unsold in the county is as follows:—  
 Albemarle, 40'005 acres, Amabel, 1213 acres, Eastnor, 4,896 acres, Lindsay, 9,432 acres, St. Edmunds, 33,636 acres, Southampton, 336 acres total 53,518 acres.

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THE MARKET REPORTS.

FISH MARKET.

Reported by J. Keeble, Toronto.

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 All fish are inspected before shipping.

FUR MARKET.

Reported by C. N. Bastida, & Co., Toronto.

Beaver, per lb., \$2.00 to \$3.00. Bear,  $\Psi$  lb., \$2.00 to \$15.00. Bear Cub, \$1.00 to \$6.00. Wild Cat, 50c. to 75c. Fox, Red, 50c. to 75c. Fox, Cross, \$2.50 to 3.50. Fisher, \$4.00 to \$7.00. Lynx, \$2.00 to \$3.50. Martin, 50c. to \$1.50. Mink, 10c. to 50c. Muskrat, 7c. to 10c. Muskrat, kits, 3c. to 4c. Otter, \$3.00 to \$9.00. Raccoon, 10c. to 70c. Skunk, 10c. to 90c. Wolf, \$1.50 to \$2.50. Deer Skin, 15c. to 20c.  
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GAME MARKET.

Reported by Dixon & Morton, Hamilton.

Partridge, 40 to 45cts. per Brace; Quail, 30c; Ducks, 30c; Red Heads, 40c; Gray Heads, 45c; Canvas Ducks, 50; Mallards, 35c; Teal, 20c; Wood Duck, 20c; Snipe, 15; Plover, 15c; Woodcock, 50c; Cock of the Wood, 40c; Game Pigeon, 15c; Wild Pigeon, 13c; Prairie Chicken, 80c; Sage Hens, 70c; Deer, 3 1/2 to 5cts. per lb; Moose Deer, 5c; Beaver without skin, 4 1/2 to 6c; Rabbits, 20 to 25cts. per Brace; Hares, 25 to 30c.



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R. W. BARKER,  
 Post Office Inspector.

Post Office Inspector's Office,  
 Ottawa, 14th March, 1886.



**NOTICE.**

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Indian Supplies," will be received at this office up to noon of TUESDAY, 20th APRIL, 1886, for the delivery of Indian supplies during the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1887, consisting of Flour, Bacon, Beef, Groceries, Ammunition, Twine, Oxen, Cows, Bulls, Agricultural Implements, Tools, &c., duty paid, at various points in Manitoba and the North-West Territories.

Forms of tender, giving full particulars relative to the Supplies required, dates of delivery, &c., may be had by applying to the undersigned, or to the Indian Commissioner at Regina, or to the Indian Office, Winnipeg.

Parties may tender for each description of goods (or for portion of each description of goods) separately or for all the goods called for in the Schedules.

Each Tender must be accompanied by an accepted Cheque in favor of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs on a Canadian Bank, for at least five per cent of the amount of the tenders for Manitoba and the North-West Territories, which will be forfeited if the party tendering declines to enter a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

Tenderers must make up in the Money columns in the Schedule the total money value of the goods they offer to supply, or their tender will not be entertained.

Each attender must, in addition to the signature of the tenderer, be signed by two sureties acceptable to the Department, for the proper performance of the contract.

In all cases where transportation may be only partial by rail, contractors must make proper arrangements for supplies to be forwarded at once from railway stations to their destination in the Government Warehouse at the point of delivery.

The lowest, or any tender, not necessarily accepted.

L. VANKOUGHNET,

*Deputy of the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs.*

Department of Indian Affairs,  
 Ottawa, 3d March, 1886

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