

therein until last spring, when owing to the insufficiency of means the number had to be reduced.

It is proposed, if the money shall be voted by Parliament for the purpose, to recommend that an addition be made to the buildings and that aid towards the maintenance and education of 35 additional pupils be contributed.

The fourth division of the Northern Superintendency includes all the Indians and their reserves on the north shore of Lake Superior inland to the height of land.

The population of these Indians has increased slightly since 1887. They at present number 1,742, showing an increase of two souls.

These Indians are all Ojibbeways or Chippewas.

The reserve at Fort William bears signs of material improvement, in the well tended farms, substantial fences, and well kept roads and drains.

The Indian occupants own quite a number of cattle.

Their industry was last season rewarded by a bountiful harvest.

This reserve is the seat of an Orphanage, which is conducted under the management of the Roman Catholic Church authorities. It is filled to its utmost capacity, and its benevolent object is certainly most praiseworthy, combining as it does present provision for the orphans, with instruction which will enable them to procure their own living after leaving the institution. The Department contributes towards the support of this establishment, as it did towards the enlargement of the building which was effected last season.

There are likewise two schools—male and female—on this reserve, the attendance at which is very fair.

The Indians whose reserve is situated at Red Rock on the River Nepigon are for the most part followers of the chase; though there are indications of some of them settling upon the reserve, they having last season cleared up land and planted potatoes.

In the open season they earn money as boatmen and guides, from sportsmen visiting the Nepigon River to angle for trout.

There is a school in operation which is well managed, but it is situated at too great a distance from the centre of the reserve. It is proposed therefore to establish one at a more convenient point.

There are but few Indians resident on the little Reserve at Pay's Plat; and it is well that it should be so, as it is not a healthy location, the land being low and wet and the soil unproductive.

These Indians are industrious, but they have to depend on fish for a subsistence. Fortunately there are very fine lake trout and whitefish to be had in that part of Lake Superior.

The Indians occupying the reserve on the Pic River are a thrifty, industrious class, and from the various resources of which they avail themselves to obtain a livelihood manage to exist comfortably.