

(Translation.)

VIGER AGENCY,
RIVIERE DU LOUP,
26th October, 1880.

To the Honorable
The Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit my report to 30th June last. A tabular statement was sent you last month.

Sickness was prevalent amongst these poor Indians for a portion of the year, without being epidemic.

There were ten deaths during the year.

Their poverty is very great, they subsist for the most part by hunting and fishing, which scarcely amount to anything, as you will see by the tabular statement.

As I had the honor to remark in my report for 1877, the Indians do not wish to return to the St. Francis Reserve; the small houses I got them to erect there are in ruins, the boards, doors, windows, etc., having been removed to shelter them at Cacouna or elsewhere.

None of the band do any farming, with the exception of the widow of Paul Joseph, of Viger; she has built a small house, which is pretty comfortable, and raises nearly enough for her family.

All humbly submitted.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ANT. LABEL,
Indian Agent.

(Translation.)

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC,
LAKE ST. JOHN AGENCY,
13th September, 1880.

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

SIR,—I have the honor, according to your instructions, to transmit my report for the year ended 30th June last, with the tabular statement.

Since my last report there is no perceptible progress to notice, in their farming and manner of living.

Their harvest last year was only middling, the cold in the beginning of September injured it greatly; this year's crop promises better.

Their hunt was fair this spring; if they would be more self-denying, and more economical in their purchases, they would certainly suffer less distress; they are the same as other Indians, without thought for the morrow. Next year I hope that the traders will sell nothing on the reserve, they would then have less chance for extravagance.

Suits have been commenced, and are still going on, against the whites who reside amongst them. These ejections are troublesome, make enemies, and there is much difficulty in arousing the Indians to vindicate themselves. I hope that in a short time we will regain our former tranquility.

I am happy to say that my Indians have worked well in keeping in repair the roads your Department made them construct two years ago. The whites have all been surprised, they did not expect such a result; this system of employing them to work