

The professing Christian bodies among the several bands within this Agency are, Church of England, Canadian Methodists, and a few Baptists, while a few Pottowattomies, who do not belong to any of the bands and who live on the Caradoc Indian Reserve, continue Pagans.

The general conduct of the Indians has been good, although the effects of intoxicating liquor given to a few Indians are not unfrequently seen; the law is enforced when possible; failures to convict arise from the want of evidence, as it is very difficult to get the Indians to tell where they got the liquor, though the inducement to inform is tempting.

The blankets which you sent me last fall were distributed among the most needy and infirm in the bands as instructed. There were a few cases of extreme want among the Chippewas of the Thames, which were relieved from the funds of the band.

The general health of Indians within the Agency during the year was good.

I can safely state that the condition of the Indians is improving, they are far better fed and clothed than they were some years ago; quite a number of them compare very favorably with their white neighbors in many respects.

The statistical report shows very little difference from last year, as can be seen by the accompanying statement.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

THOMAS GORDON,
Indian Agent.

ONTARIO,
WESTERN SUPERINTENDENCY,
HIGHGATE, 30th August, 1882.

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

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit herewith tabular statement and Report for the year ended the 30th June, 1882.

The crops on this reserve, for 1881, were very good, though in some cases there was not so large a yield as the year before; the quality of the grain was first class, and where sold brought the highest market price.

As will be seen by the tabular statement, there is quite a decrease in the number of stock. I think this is owing to the good times and high prices paid for all kinds of farm stock in this vicinity.

There is not near the quantity of land under cultivation on this reserve that I would like to see; where the land is nearly all good and capable of making ample returns to the husbandman for his labor, there should not be so much valuable land laying idle, although I hope by perseverance to get them to do better in this respect in the future.

There is a small decrease in the population this year, but taking one year with another, the number in the band remains about the same.

The sanitary condition at the present time is good and very little sickness of any kind on the reserve.

The English Church Mission has erected a very good frame church on the reserve, the present summer; the most of the works, which is really first class, was done by Indian carpenters. The church has quite a large membership and is doing a good work.

The old Moravian church, the first on the reserve, is about to undergo some extensive repairs; they have also a large membership, and altogether church matters are in a good condition.