

serve for their use, and the area is not ascertained. The greater part are wilderness lands, with small patches cultivated on the banks of the rivers. \$785 was distributed among them, and \$450 for seed grain. They are civil and quiet when liquor can be kept from them, and might get plenty of employment, but are not inclined to work. There are a number of other small bands of Indians in New Brunswick, the total number of which is 600. These inhabit reserves of different areas, varying from 2 to 17,000 acres, amounting in all to over 13,000 acres. As a rule, agriculture is not much practised among them. As a body they are poor, and do not advance in wealth. Except when they obtain liquor, their morality will compare favourably with that of their white neighbours. They are nearly all Roman Catholics. The children number 181, but they have no schools. \$1,276 was distributed among them, besides a certain amount for seed grain.

INDIANS OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The Indians of the *Bear River District* number 363, living on a reserve of 3,000 acres, of which 100 is cultivated, 300 in pasture, and the remainder woodland. The amount of personal property is estimated at \$10,000. 50 cords of wood and 50,000 feet of lumber were cut and sold by them last year; 1,500 porpoises taken, yielding oil to the value of \$3,000; and \$1,111 worth of furs sold. About \$240 was distributed among them, of which nearly \$100 was for seed grain, and the balance among a few destitute Indians. They are gradually improving in wealth and civilization. 8 children out of 70 attend school.

In the County of Pictou there are about 400 Indians. They have but little personal property, and only 12 small houses. Their reserve is 90 acres, of which 10 were cultivated, yielding 121 bushels wheat and potatoes for two months' supply. \$371 were distributed among them. They are perceptibly improving in sobriety, slightly in industry. There are no schools, owing to the want of school-houses.

In Antigonish District the band numbers 158. Reserve, 700 acres; 300 cultivated. Personal property \$2,000. The majority are sober and industrious, but many very dissipated. They are beginning to feel inclined to build houses, and leave their wandering life for a settled one, but their advancement is very slow. \$357 was distributed among them last year.

The *Micmacs* Indians about Port Hood number 245, possessing 3,200 acres of land worth \$4 an acre. About one-sixth is under cultivation. Some of them live in houses, own horses and cattle, &c., but more are poor, living in wigwags; are excellent labourers, and make a living as coopers, &c., and by hunting and fishing. From \$200 to \$300 are distributed among them every year for seed grain and blankets. Their moral status is, on the whole, good. There is one school, with 20 or 30 pupils.

The number of Indians in Cape Breton was 254. They have a large tract of land 3 miles long, mostly uncultivated, from which they raise their potatoes and oats. They have few houses and no schools. As a general rule they are sober, quiet, industrious, and religious. They receive about \$200 a year.

INDIANS OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

These number 302. The Aborigines Protection Society hold in trust for them Lennox Island Reserve of 1,320 acres, of which one-fourth is bog and peat, and a tract of 24 acres belonging to eight families in Township 29. Their personal property is valued at \$646. Only about 60 acres of land are cultivated. About \$450 was distributed among them for blankets, &c. Little progress has been made in wealth and civilization, but their morality is fair. Out of 99 children, 40 are attending school.

INDIANS OF MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST TERRITORY.

The Portage Band have their reserve on the western border of Manitoba. They are almost entirely plain hunters, independent of white men; and although peaceful, apt to annoy by petty depredations. A large party of them have settled near White Mud River, and claim to be a separate band. There is dissatisfaction among these Indians and they are urging a re-arrangement of the treaty with them.

The Indians of St. Peter's Parish are composed of Christian Indians and Pagans, partly Swampy Crees and partly Saulteaux. They are a large band and not united among themselves, and seem discontented with their chief.

The three bands on Roseau River have made some progress towards cultivating the ground. With some re-arrangement of treaties they would likely be converted into actual settlers.

The Indians on Lake Manitoba have commenced cultivating the land and are anxious for tools and cattle to be sent them. Drunkenness unfortunately is increasing among them at the times of payment, and as yet the Indian Agents have not been able to prevent it. Great dissatisfaction exists among the Indians with whom the first treaties were made, at the more favourable terms granted to those under the second treaty, and some re-arrangement of terms with them will be necessary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA INDIANS.

All the Indians in British Columbia were visited in 1874 except those on the mainland N. of Bella Bella, and the tribes on the Skeena and Stikine Rivers. The visits were received with satisfaction and great confidence expressed in the intentions of the Government to deal justly with them. No regular census has yet been taken of the B. C. Indians, but from the most careful estimates that could be made, the number is not far from 35,000. The habitations of the Interior Indians are like those in the other parts of the Dominion, but the Coast Indians live in villages, called Rancheiras, of 12 or 15 houses, with 10 or 15 families in each, built of cedar boards, with flat roofs, and a small opening in the centre or one side for ingress or egress. These houses become perfect deposits of filth, and account for the declination of these Indians by any epidemic disease. Among the Cowichans and some other tribes of the mainland, the missionaries have been successful in discouraging this mode of life, and the condition and prospect of the natives have much improved, many of them having adopted the manners and customs of the whites.