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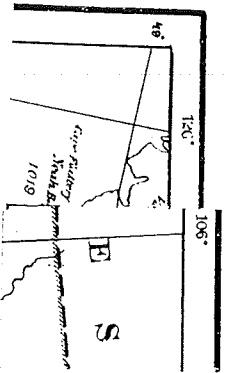
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GREEN BAY AGENCY, KESHENA, WIS.

October 2, 1882.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith my fourth annual report of the number and general condition of the Indians of this agency. There are three tribes, as follows: The Menomonees, Oneidas, and Stockbridges, numbering respectively 1,500, 1,500, and 140.

MEMONONEES.

The Menomonee reservation is situated between Shawano and Waupaca counties, in Northern Wisconsin, and contains ten townships, the greater portion of which is covered by a dense forest of timber, principally maple, hemlock, and pine, the last named being estimated at about 250,000,000 feet. A great portion of it being of poor quality, and near the streams, would sell for over \$1,000,000 if sold during the ruling high prices. This timber is fast going to destruction, caused by heavy winds and forest fires, and should be sold at the earliest possible date at a fair sale, and the funds realized therefrom invested in government bonds and placed to the credit of the tribe, the interest to be paid to them annually in substantial improvements on their farms after the lands are allotted to them. About 5,000,000 feet of the

Dead and down timber

was manufactured into saw-logs by the Indians during the past winter, and sold for their benefit at prices ranging from \$7.10 to \$10.25 per thousand feet, from which they would have gone to waste if left but a short time. There is still remaining a large amount of this class of timber which the Indians will prepare for market if they can realize a fair price therefor. The Menomonees are mostly engaged in agriculture, and then only; will they feel as though their land is allotted in severalty. Then, they have a saw and grist mill situated at Keshena Falls, one mile from the agency, where they saw the lumber and shingles necessary for their building operations and get their grain ground.

The schools

on the reservation, three in number, are in a flourishing condition. The boarding-school, situated at the agency, has an average attendance of 44. It is presided over by a white teacher with one assistant, under whose instruction the pupils are steadily advancing. The other schools, two in number, both day schools, are situated one six and the other fifteen miles from the agency, in large Indian settlements, and are in charge of Indian teachers who fully understand the requirements of their position.

Religion.

The Roman Catholic denomination have two churches on the reservation, with three priests and two lay brothers to look after the religious welfare of the tribe. About two-thirds of the tribe are enrolled as members of said church, the balance adhering to old Indian customs and the ways of their forefathers.

Intoxication

is indulged in to some extent by the young men of the tribe, most of whom are engaged a portion of the time in work on the river for lumbermen outside of the reservation, which places them in a position where it is easy for them to procure liquor as long as they possess the necessary funds.

The agency farm,

containing about 110 acres, has produced a good crop of grain, potatoes, and corn, which is shown in my statistical report.

THE ONEIDA RESERVATION

is situated a few miles southwest from the city of Green Bay, and contains about 65,000 acres, over half of which is first-class farming land. They have many fine, large farms, and are all well advanced in agriculture, and have been specially favored the past year, having abundant crops of grain, potatoes, corn, hay, &c., as will be seen

by my statistical report; but they are continually urging the allotment of their land in severalty, which would be a great incentive to further improvements. They have five schools, all of which are well attended and show marked improvements. Two of the schools are presided over by members of the tribe in a manner truly creditable to themselves. The tribe are all Protestants, and their spiritual welfare is carefully guarded by Rev. S. W. Ford, of the Methodist mission, and E. A. Goodenough, of the Episcopal faith. They are very energetic in their work and are accomplishing much good. Each has charge of one of the day schools.

The liquor traffic finds a number of devotees on this reservation; it being so near villages and cities where they do their trading it is easily procured, and it requires the utmost vigilance on the part of the agent and police to restrain them.

THE STOCKBRIDGE

Reservation is situated seven miles west from Keshena, and contains 13 sections, which is mostly good farming land. The Indians are all engaged in agricultural pursuits and reap fair crops, but there is no marked improvement in their condition. Their great love of whisky, and their constant quarreling among the different factions of the tribe, in a great measure retards their progress. They have one school, which has been moderately attended, the majority of the tribe taking little, if any interest in educational matters. They have one church, presided over by Rev. Jeremiah Shingorland, of the Presbyterian denomination, who is an Indian, a member of the tribe, and teacher of the school. This tribe should be made citizens at an early day. This would do more for their advancement than any other method, and would end their tribal quarrels.

The following table shows the number of persons found guilty of disposing of intoxicating liquors to Indians of this agency, with fines, terms of imprisonment, &c.

Number of persons.	Fine.	Term of imprisonment.
3	\$1 00	And 30 days in Milwaukee County jail.
1	1 00	And 25 days in Milwaukee County jail.
2	1 00	And 25 days in Milwaukee County jail.
3	1 00	And 25 days in Milwaukee County jail.
4	1 00	And 20 days in Milwaukee House of Correction.
1	1 00	And 40 days in Milwaukee County jail.
2	1 00	And 40 days in Milwaukee House of Correction.
1	1 00	And 35 days in Milwaukee House of Correction.
1	50 00	And 3 months in Milwaukee House of Correction.
1	50 00	And 1 day in Milwaukee County jail.
2	50 00	And 30 days in Milwaukee County jail.
1	25 00	And 30 days in Milwaukee County jail.
1	60 00	And 1 day in Milwaukee County jail.
1	100 00	And 1 day in Milwaukee County jail.
1	10 00	And 1 day in Milwaukee County jail.

Respectfully submitted.

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

E. STEPHENS,
United States Indian Agent.

LA POINTE INDIAN AGENCY, ASHLAND, WIS.

SIR: In compliance with department instructions of date July 15, 1882, I have the honor to submit herewith my second annual report of this agency. There are embraced in this agency eight reservations, located at distant points in the States of Wisconsin and Minnesota, and occupied by members of the Chippewa tribe of Indians.

THE BAD RIVER RESERVATION.

located upon the river of the same name, in Ashland County, Wisconsin, contains 124,333 acres of heavily timbered land. Four hundred and sixty-two members of the band occupying this reservation receive the benefit of annuity goods and provisions furnished by the government, and distributed by me, during the past year. One hundred and thirty-one patents for 80 acres of land each (so nearly as the legal subdivisions by the government survey will allow) have been issued to Indians who have made application for lands in fee. It requires much labor to clear these lands and prepare them for crops, but this once accomplished they are well adapted to