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REPORT OF THE AGENT

OF THE

PASSAMAQUODDY INDIANS,

FOR THE YEAR

1874



AUGUSTA:

SPRAGUE, OWEN & NASH, PRINTERS TO THE STATE.

1875.

REPORT.

To the Honorable Governor and Council of Maine:

I have the honor herewith to present my Report as Agent for the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians, for the year ending November 30, 1874.

The expenditures will be more fully shown by my account herewith submitted, with accompanying vouchers.

The appropriations for the year, as per resolve of the last Legislature, were as follows, namely:

For May dividend.....	\$400 00
November dividend.....	300 00
Distressed poor.....	1,200 00
Agricultural purposes.....	500 00
Bounties on crops for the year 1874.....	300 00
Ploughing.....	150 00
Salary of Governor.....	100 00
Salary of Lieut. Governor.....	20 00
Wood.....	150 00
Educational purposes.....	300 00
Salary of Priest.....	100 00
Seats in school-house at Peter Dana's Point	50 00
Shingling hall and school-house at Pleasant Point.....	150 00
Contingent fund.....	100 00
Salary of Agent.....	300 00
Total.....	\$4,120 00

My expenditures were as follows, namely: For May dividend, three hundred fifty-nine dollars and eighty cents; for November dividend, three hundred and fifteen dollars and eighty cents; for agricultural purposes, four hundred and forty-one dollars; for bounties on crops, two hundred and fifty dollars and sixty-five

cents ; for ploughing, one hundred and thirteen dollars and seventy-five cents ; for salary of Governor, one hundred dollars ; for salary of Lieut. Governor, twenty dollars ; for wood, one hundred forty-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents ; for educational purposes, two hundred and eighty-eight dollars and twenty-two cents ; for salary of Priest, one hundred dollars ; for seats for school-house at Peter Dana's Point, fifty dollars ; for shingling hall and school-house at Pleasant Point, one hundred and thirty-one dollars and forty-four cents ; for contingent purposes, ninety-three dollars and ninety-eight cents ; for salary of Agent, three hundred dollars ; for distressed poor, including medical attendance and funeral charges, one thousand three hundred seventy-five dollars and thirty cents ; for repairs on chapel at Peter Dana's Point, eleven dollars and fifty-three cents ; leaving a balance unexpended of eighteen dollars and fifty-four cents.

As I stated in my Report last year, this tribe is divided into three sections. At the time of paying the last November dividend 313 were living at Pleasant Point and vicinity, 141 at Peter Dana's Point and vicinity, and 62 at Calais. It has been my aim not to exceed the appropriations in any case, and at the same time deal justly with every member of the tribe.

There has been during the past year an unusual amount of sickness in the tribe, and I have been obliged to employ physicians in many cases, thus exceeding the appropriation for distressed poor by one hundred seventy-five dollars and thirty cents. I would recommend the same amount as last year for the support of the poor the coming year.

As it is very hard to get fire-wood at Pleasant Point and vicinity, I would recommend the same appropriation as last year for that purpose.

The chapel at Peter Dana's Point needs painting very much, and I would recommend an appropriation of seventy-five dollars for that purpose, and also the sum of seventy-five dollars for finishing the inside of the hall at Pleasant Point.

As usual, those of the tribe at Pleasant Point and vicinity who are able to work, find employment about the wharves in Pembroke during the summer season, loading and discharging vessels. In the winter season they are employed in cutting wood and making baskets. They have always found a ready market for all the baskets they could make. Several families from here spent the summer months at Bar Harbor, Mt. Desert, selling fancy baskets and

other wares of their own manufacture. Some of their fancy baskets are very handsome and sell readily.

The school at Pleasant Point this year has been quite successful. The scholars have taken more interest than usual, and the attendance has been quite regular. Mr. P. H. Rogers has taught the school some years in succession, and has given good satisfaction to all concerned. Some of the Indians at the Point do considerable farming notwithstanding it is hard for them to procure sufficient dressing for the land to insure good crops.

The portion of the tribe at Peter Dana's Point take quite an interest in farming, and I notice quite an improvement in some of their farms. A portion of the people at this place still find profitable employment during the season of trout fishing, transporting excursionists from Princeton to the Grand Lake stream and back. They get well paid for their time and for the use of their canoes.

The school-house has been very much improved by the addition of the new seats. I should judge the attendance at this school was not as good as at Pleasant Point, still I think there is an improvement in the school from previous years. I have no changes of importance in the physical or social condition of the tribe to report. They are for the most part disposed to live on good terms with each other, and with their white neighbors. There have been fourteen deaths in the tribe during the last year, and I find many very old persons, thirteen who are over 75 years of age.

WILLIAM T. HOBART,

Agent Passamaquoddy Indians.

PEMBROKE, ME., November 30, 1874.