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REPORT OF THE AGENT

OF THE

Penobscot Tribe of Indians

FOR THE YEAR

1885.



AUGUSTA:

SPRAGUE & SON, PRINTERS TO THE STATE.

1886.

REPORT.

To the Honorable Governor and Council:

I have the honor to submit the following report of the condition of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, and expenditures in their behalf as per accompanying vouchers for the year ending November 30, 1885.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

1885. March,	State warrant.....	\$2,000 00
April	“ “	2,300 00
July,	“ “	1,000 00
September,	“ “	3,000 00
December,	“ “	116 55
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		\$8,416 55

EXPENDITURES.

For agriculture	\$649 87
bounty on crops.....	367 10
annuity.....	1,333 69
schools	587 65
salary of Agent.....	200 00
Supt. of farming	150 00
Governor of tribe	50 00
Lieut. Governor of tribe,	40 00
Priest	100 00
spring dividend	647 70
support of poor, sick, &c	2,502 36

For medicine and medical attendance..	\$342 41	
burial expenses	158 07	
wood and wood hauling	1,217 13	
incidental expenses.....	70 57	
		<u>\$8,416 55</u>

The following is a list of appropriations for the year 1885, as per chapter 195, page 259, Resolves of 1885 :

Amount interest Indian Trust Fund.....	\$4,429 70	
annuity	1,700 00	
agriculture	700 00	
bounty on crops	450 00	
schools.....	600 00	
salary of Agent	200 00	
Supt. of farming	150 00	
Governor of tribe	50 00	
Lieut. Governor of tribe	40 00	
Priest	100 00	
		<u>\$8,419 70</u>
Amount of warrants as above.....	8,416 55	
		<u>\$8 15</u>

The foregoing statements do not include the distribution of shore-rents of 1884 under special act, chapter 267, laws of 1873.

The receipts from this source were :

1885. February. State warrant.....	\$3,933 00	
Balance from last year.....	17 44	
		<u>\$3,950 44</u>

CONTRA.

Distribution per capita to members of tribe as per schedule	\$3,810 00	
Balance to next year	140 44	
		<u>\$3 050 44</u>

AGRICULTURE.

Very good work was done among the farming portion of the tribe, and more than average crops secured, the potato crop being especially good.

The aggregate products of the tribe are as follows:

Potatoes.....	4,025	bushels.
Beans	247	“
Oats	651	“
Peas	157	“
Buckwheat.....	35	“
Barley	25	“
Vegetables of all kinds	1,089	“

SCHOOLS.

The schools have been taught as heretofore, on Oldtown, Olamon and Mattanawcook islands. The school on Oldtown Island has continued under the instruction of the Sisters of Mercy, and those at Olamon and Mattanawcook under the charge and supervision of the school officers of Greenbush and Lincoln, respectively.

CENSUS.

The population of the tribe as reported by the Superintending School Committee of Oldtown, this year, is three hundred and eighty-seven, showing a decrease of twenty during the previous year.

HEALTH.

The sanitary condition of the tribe does not materially improve. There is more sickness among them in proportion to their numbers, than in our average communities. There has been, however, no contagious diseases or epidemics among them this year, and the mortality list is considerably less than it was last year, the deaths being nineteen against twenty-seven last year. Of those who have died this year ten were

adults and nine were children. Of the adults nine were females, and one male who was drowned while driving on the east branch of Penobscot River last spring.

CONCLUSION.

The year was quite favorable as a whole, for the tribe. They gathered a good harvest considering their efforts; the season at the summer resorts proved profitable and no extraordinary embarrassments on account of sickness and destitution have come to my attention. There have been, however, cases that have drawn heavily and continuously upon the tribe's funds and others more or less needy have not failed to make their demands. To all such, so far as seemed reasonable and the funds permitted, aid and assistance have been given.

CHARLES A. BAILEY,

Agent of Penobscot Indians.

DECEMBER, 1885.

STATE OF MAINE.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, February 25, 1886.

Received, read and 500 copies ordered printed.

ORAMANDAL SMITH,
Secretary of State.