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FOR THE YEAR

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REPORT OF THE AGENT

OF THE

Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians,

FOR THE YEAR

1888

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REPORT.

*To the Honorable Governor and Council of the State of
Maine:*

I hereby submit my report as Agent for the Passamaquoddy
Indians for the year 1888, ending November 30th.

The appropriations for the year by a resolve of the legisla-
ture of 1887 is as follows:

For May dividends.....	\$500 00
November dividends.....	500 00
Distressed poor.....	3,200 00
Bounty on crops.....	200 00
Ploughing.....	150 00
Wood.....	500 00
Dressing for land.....	150 00
Contingent.....	150 00
Educational.....	600 00
Salary of priest.....	200 00
Salary of Governors.....	100 00
Salary of Lieutenant Governor.....	40 00
Salary of agent.....	200 00
Aid in agriculture.....	100 00
Basket Ash.....	100 00
Agricultural Purposes.....	600 00
Total appropriation.....	<hr/> \$7,290 00

The appropriation has been expended as follows :

Agricultural purposes.....	513 00
For May dividends.....	429 80
November dividends.....	388 80
Distressed poor.....	3,308 74
Bounty on crops.....	155 09
Ploughing.....	150 00
Wood.....	416 00
Dressing for land.....	150 00
Contingent.....	205 97
Educational.....	600 00
Salary, priest.....	200 00
Salary, Governors.....	100 00
Salary Lieutenant Governors.....	40 00
Salary of Agent.....	200 00
Basket Ash.....	132 05
Overdrawn in 1887.....	300 55
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Total expenditure.....	\$7,290 00

I have received from the State Treasurer as follows :

May 19th, warrant.....	\$1,000 00
June 13th, ".....	2,500 00
Oct. 25th, ".....	2,500 00
Nov. 26th, ".....	1,000 00
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Total receipts.....	\$7,000 00
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Balance due agent.....	\$290 00

The agricultural products for the year were as follows :

Potatoes.....	1,959 bushels
Oats.....	200 "
Beans.....	30 "
Turnips.....	115 "
Peas, onions, etc.....	26 "

 Total number of bushels..... 2,330

The population of the tribe at the present time is five hundred and twenty-five (525). Deaths, this year, 20.

At the election for governor and representative held in September Joseph Lolah was elected governor and Joseph Sebattis Lieut. Governor and Mitchell Lewy representative to the State legislature.

The overdraw on 1887 was due to a greater amount of sickness and deaths than usual, particularly among the old people. Several accidents occurred which helped swell the overdraw to larger proportions. Lolah T. Lolah had one hand very badly jammed causing the loss of two fingers, entailing an expense for his care until he became able to work. As he was in the employ of the St. Andrews Railroad Company at the time of the accident they remunerated him by the magnificent gift of a pass over the road from St. Andrews to McAdam for (3) three months. All for the loss of two fingers! !

During the past year some very old people have died. Toma Which, at 107 years; Widow Jos. Lewy, at 105 years; Widow Peol Lacoot, 103 years.

The past year it became necessary to have a fence around the burial grounds at Peter Danas Point and Pleasant Point to keep off the cattle of neighboring white settlers. The agent furnished the material and the Indians did the work. The grounds are now enclosed by a good substantial fence.

The school-house at Peter Danas Point being somewhat out of repair, I expended a small sum to repair it to make it fit to use until next year when it will need to be shingled, new floors laid and new chimneys built.

The old flag staff at Pleasant Point became rotten and fell last spring. I erected a new one at the earnest request of all the village.

The school-house in Pleasant Point will need repairing next year, new floors, shingled, and new chimneys will be necessary. The Indians at Pleasant Point have earnestly requested a lock-up built and police protection, the necessity arising from

the traffic and use of intoxicating drinks brought from the English side of the St. Croix. I would advise an appropriation sufficient to build a lock-up and provide pay for police service.

I would also advise an appropriation for basket ash of at least one hundred dollars more than is already appropriated. It is impossible to get basket stuff within a long distance of the village of Pleasant Point and, as many of the old people depend greatly upon what baskets they can manufacture, it has become necessary that they should be helped to procure suitable ash. Without it they can not do very much toward getting their living, thereby costing the State a great deal more to support them.

The schools have been very ably conducted by Sisters Mary Rose and Mary Clare.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. MUNSON,

Agent of Passamaquoddy Indians.

CALAIS, November 30th, 1888.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN COUNCIL, December 29, 1888.

Read, accepted, and **five** hundred copies ordered printed.