

or no doubt these farm lots would again have been exposed for sale, and purchased by some land speculators from Toronto.

At that sale there were many lots purchased by white men, who have not yet paid a cent of the purchase money (that we know of), as required by the conditions of the sale; but we have not heard of any complaint or forfeit on that account, nor do I say there should be: but we think it rather unfortunate (at least for Indians) that such a marked distinction should be made between white men and aborigines—the original owners of the soil.

Having made several fruitless attempts to get their grievances redressed by the Department, they petitioned the Provincial Parliament, when in session in the city of Toronto, in 1858.

THE FOLLOWING IS A COPY OF THEIR PETITION:—

*“To the Honourable, Legislative Assembly of Canada  
in Provincial Parliament assembled.*

“THE petition of David Sawyer, Catherine Sutton, and Abner Elliott, members of the Ojibway tribe of Indians at Owen Sound, Upper Canada, Humbly Showeth,

“That your petitioner, David Sawyer, is the oldest son of Joseph Sawyer, Chief of the Credit Band of Ojibway Indians. That your petitioner became a member of the Newash Band of Indians at Owen Sound in 1845, at their special request, and on the condition that he should have; *exclusively* for himself and his heirs for ever, forty-