

If you require any proof of the bad effects of the present method of living, look around from where we stand, I refer to the Chippeways of Lakes Huron and Simcoe; divided into three little wretched settlements, who are obliged to expend a part of their annuity yearly in the purchase of provisions.

It is very likely, it may not be agreeable to some of the Chiefs to remove from their present habitations; but they should bear in mind that it is for the good of their children.

Do you not see the White Man every year emigrating from his home, and coming to this country to settle. He plunges into the wood, with his axe in his hand, and works and toils. Do you think it is for himself alone?—No certainly. He could get on during his life. But he wishes to do something for his children; and to see them better off than he himself has been. And he succeeds. Do you not see the Man who commences with nothing, by his industry obtain land, oxen, and cows, and every comfort about him?

Why cannot you imitate this? You are too ready to imitate what he does that is wrong, commence now, and emulate him in his work, exert yourselves; and lend all your assistance to aid the Government now. Let your sons learn to farm, and your daughters to take care of their houses and their dairies, that they may hereafter lead creditable lives, and take their places in society, on an equal level with their white brethren.

It is with real pleasure that I have listened to the speeches of some of the Chiefs, assembled on this ground, who have this day addressed the Council, whose sentiments and expressions do honor to them as Chiefs and as Christians. And it is clear that they have the real interest of their Tribes at heart. I hope what they have said will have its due effect. Those who have consented to grant a portion of their annuities to assist in the education of their children, will be well repaid by seeing their improvement, and in after days will receive the thanks and the blessings of those children. I do not envy the feelings of those either now, or in future days, who have refused to aid in this great and good work.

Two speeches alone have been marked with disrespect. Two\* Chiefs alone have presumed to put themselves on an equality with the Governor General, who is the Queen's representative. When the Governor General takes so much interest, as to send an officer here, to explain his meaning, I should certainly suppose it would be sufficient. I ought to tell you that previously to coming here, I presided at a Council of all the Indians in Lower Canada, where this subject was discussed as it has been here. Soon after the Council, I had occasion to visit some of their villages, and the Chiefs came, one, and all, and expressed their happiness at the project of establishing schools for them; for they

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\* "Two Chiefs alone."—Chiefs WILLIAM YELLOWHEAD and JOHN AISANCE.—It is only due to these Two Chiefs who are ignorant, and credulous to say, that great pains were taken to persuade them, that Mr. VARDON, the Assistant Superintendent General, and Capt. ANDERSON, the Visiting Superintendent, were acting without authority from the Governor General.