

COUNCIL NOTES.

Ohsweken Council House.

August 4th, 1896.

General council opened in due form by Chief Wm. Echo, one of the firekeepers.

Present—Chiefs A. G. Smith, clerk to the Indian office; Josiah Hill, chairman and secretary; David Hill, Seneca, speaker; D. Thomas, deputy speaker, and 45 others.

Chief David Sky will be speaker of the firekeepers to-day.

Communication from the visiting supt. was read to the council.

The council refused to vote any thing to Sarah Curley whose barn was destroyed by hurricane.

Committees on disputes as follows:—Chiefs Dan. Doxpater, Geo. Key, Philip Hill, Joseph Porter, Joseph Henry, Joseph Green and Ben Carpenter, sec. of committee.

The council having been informed by Chief Wm. Smith that the medical office in Ohsweken was vacant by the resignation of Dr. S. A. Langrill, decided to recommend Dr. Secord, of Brantford, to take charge of the office until some one is permanently appointed.

Committee of Chiefs to arrange matters in connection to the reception of His Excellency the Governor General on the 1st day of October next as follows: Chiefs J. Martin, J. A. Gibson, A. Hill, J. Porter, D. General and J. Green.

A committee to collect exhibits for the Brantford fair as follows:—Chiefs Wm. Smith, G. Gibson, J. Jamieson and G. Hill.

A Loan committee as follows:—Chiefs J. S. Johnson, D. General, J. Porter, sr., J. Hill and J. W. M. Elliott, sec. of the committee.

Quit claims of Christian Powless to Nelson Moses and Charles Jackson, confirmed, of James Nash to Abram Henry, of James Nash to Mrs. Ellen Husk, of Thos. Henry

to Mrs. J. T. Hill, of P. H. Burning' sr., to P. H. Burning, jr., of Henry Staats to Andrew Staats, of Sam. Patterson to J. Martin, all confirmed.

The council refused to purchase a road leveller from George S. Johnson.

The account of Wm. Martin passed.

The council will provide a place for Wm. Syres in Ohsweken, while his eyes will be operated upon by Dr. W. F. Langrill.

The council decided to have the roof of the council house repaired and painted.

The council authorized the Inspector of works to call in tenders on Tuesday, 11th inst., for the repairs of the council house roof, &c.

The council voted the sum of \$15 towards the Pagan convention to be held at the Upper Cayuga Long house. The cheque is to come in favor of Geo. S. Johnson.

The council decided to ask the visiting supt. to be present at the adjourned council on the 11th inst.

The council passed the acct of McCutchen and Short.

The council then adjourned until Tuesday, 11th inst., at 10 o'clock a.m. sharp.

Ohsweken Council House,

Aug. 11th, 1896.

Present—E. D. Cameron, visiting supt.; Wm. Reep, interpreter; Chiefs A. G. Smith, clerk to the Indian office; Josiah Hill, chairman and secretary; David Hill, Seneca, speaker; David Thomas, deputy speaker, and 42 others.

Communication from the Dept. of Indian Affairs were read by the visiting supt.

Wm. Buck will be the speaker of the firekeepers to day.

Committee on disputes, viz: Chiefs Wm. Staats, Geo. Key, David Sky, Jos. Henry, A. Hill Jacket, Joseph

Green, and Ben Carpenter, sec. of committee.

The council confirmed the report of the fence viewers with reference to the line fence between Chief J. Davis and Ham McKelney, which means that Moses Turkey will deliver up the cattle and Chief Davis will be responsible for the poundage fees.

The council to continue to loan money to members of Six Nations according to the present system.

Loan committee then appointed viz: Chiefs J. S. Johnson, David General, Jos. Green, Dan. Doxpater, John Hill, and Philip Hill.

The council acknowledge that they have received the picture of Colonel James Fitzgibbon (to, rie, was, yah, rie, which means he is honest and truthful) and thank Miss Fitzgibbon for sending the photograph of her late grandfather who fought so nobly with Indians at Beaver Dam.

The council authorized the Inspector of works to get sockets and put them up on the casings of the council house they have to serve for holding the totem flags on special occasions.

The council refused to entertain the application of Mrs. Ellen Powless who is trying to reclaim certain lands she has sold to her late son, Festus Johnson.

A committee to revise the loan regulations, viz: Chiefs W. Smith, John Hill, Alex. Hill, Nic. Porter, Wm. Wage, and Joseph Green.

The charge of Abram Henry, vs. Chief Levi Jonathan is postponed.

The council decided that the one third of the crops on the west part of the S. 3/4 of lot 18, con. 5, Tus. shall be divided equally between R. Hill and his three children by the first wife.

The council voted \$15 towards the Temperance convention to be