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EDITORIAL NOTES.

In the present number we begin to publish the Annual Report of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs of Canada, Sir John A. Macdonald.

Our readers will find it very interesting especially as it is the first report since the late rebellion.

Next week we will give the Superintendent's report of the Indians of Ontario.

THAT "GREAT SCHEME" AGAIN.

The Brantford papers are having a lively time over the *Globe's* alleged proposal to remove the Indians from the Grand River to the North West. The *Expositor* backed up by "A Native Grit" (a strange anomaly) endeavors to make its readers believe that the denial made by the editor of THE INDIAN is a lie; and the *Courier* and *Telegram* with equal force contend that our denial is sufficient and entitled to belief.

The Mississaugas of the Credit know well enough that the editor, their head chief, has not proposed any removal of the Band. The Six Nations know well enough that such a scheme as their removal from their beautiful and valuable reserve would not be advocated by the editor.

Therefore there is only one reason why this matter should be referred to again at any length. Namely the necessity of Indians to beware of what they see published in papers like the *Globe* and *Expositor*. If such articles, printed for the purpose of misleading you, are shown to be false, how can you believe anything you see in such journals? How can you pick out that which is true from that which is a lie? We would earnestly say to you, beware! Take nothing published in the way of slander for granted until you have heard both sides of the question.

Just a word in reply to a letter signed "A Native Grit," which is published in the *Expositor* of Friday, June 18th, in which he said that at a council of our Band held June 4th, we proposed to our people their removal to the

North-West. Such we did not do, but advised them as earnestly as possible to remain where they were. We proposed the withdrawal of a portion of their capital account, which had lately been reduced from 5 to 4 per cent. and that it be re-invested in other securities, the council were very much pleased with the idea and will likely take action in the matter.

SIX NATION PIC-NIC.

There will be a grand conservative pic-nic held at the Sour Springs on the Grand River Reservation, on Tuesday, June 29th, at which the Hon. Senator J. B. Plumb and other prominent persons will address the Indians in the interests of the present Government, and will explain the reason why they have given us the privilege of using our vote for the election of members of Parliament for the Dominion House.

We trust the Indians will turn out in large numbers to hear what the speakers have to say. It is very important that we should, as soon as possible, become acquainted with the position we occupy, and the arguments which should lead us to vote one way or the other.

It is a grand thing for our race that the whites have now to come upon our reserves, explain the politics of the country, ask for our support, and promise us their assistance in the management of Indian affairs at Ottawa. The Conservative party who hold this picnic fought hard to give us this right, and the other party fought hard to keep it from us.

Let all Indians who possibly can, attend the picnic.

W. D. Cantillon, of the Robinson House, Brantford, is before the court for selling liquor to Indians.

A band of Chippeways from Cold Lake sold at Battleford, \$700 worth of furs, the result of their spring hunt.

There are fifty-seven tepees pitched near Brandon occupied by outlawed Sioux, Bungys, and a portion of Yellow Quill's band. On Sunday afternoon they made up a stake to be played for, consisting of combs, tobacco pipes, buttons and jack knives, chose sides, and engaged in a wild and wonderful game of lacrosse for the plunder.

At a meeting of chiefs at Caughnawaga to decide what measures should be adopted in order to locate the people on the reserve according to the new plans prepared by order of the Government, it was decided to give formal notice to residents that the plans were now ready, and to ask for objections by a certain date. There are 610 claimants, and 406 people hold land.

It is found that the Sacree and Stony Indians of the North-west have strong faith in vaccination, and even manifest an anxiety to have it performed. It is expected the Blackfeet, who are about to be vaccinated, will be equally tractable. The great difficulty experienced is in persuading Indians who have already had smallpox of the needlessness of, their undergoing the operation, as many of them believe that it fortifies them against other diseases as well.

General News Summary.

CANADIAN.

The annual Synods of the Dioceses of Montreal and Huron were opened on Tuesday, 15th inst., in Montreal and London respectively.

The recommendation for the appointment of a police magistrate to enforce the Scott Act in the County of Kent was postponed until December session of the County Council.

The elections for the Local Legislature in Nova Scotia has resulted in the return of Liberals in the proportion of three to one to their opponents. The secession question had a prominent place in the contest.

A very sad drowning accident happened near the village of Bosworth, on the 15th inst. Peter Masson, school teacher, and John Graham, blacksmith, went into the river to bathe. Mr. Masson, being unable to swim, was drowned.

John, eldest son of Harry Mercer, passenger agent of the C. M. & P. Railway, Detroit, and grandson of John Mercer, Sheriff of Kent, a promising lad of fourteen, was drowned in the river, near Chatham, on Tuesday afternoon, 15th inst.

The great Musical Festival held in Toronto, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of last week, was both financially and musically a magnificent success. The immense Caledonian Rink, where the concerts were held, capable of holding over four thousand people, was crowded on each occasion. The magnificent array of talent, both vocal and instrumental, produced on this occasion has never been surpassed on this continent. It is hoped that this festival is only the inauguration of a series of events of this kind to be again produced in the not far off future.

The city of Vancouver, B. C., was almost totally destroyed by fire on Monday 14th inst. Fires, which were burning brush on the Canadian Pacific Railway reserve; were driven, by the gale that was blowing, towards the city. A house in the extreme west caught fire, and the flames spread rapidly till the whole town was laid in ashes. Five persons are reported dead and several injured. The usual course of looting the liquors was carried out by a disreputable crowd, who careless of the risk they ran, jeopardized their lives to sack the liquor stores, and guzzled down the contents of kegs while surrounded by the fire. Some of the lives were lost in this way. Over one thousand people are homeless and over \$1,000,000 worth of property destroyed. The appeal for relief from the suffering population of Vancouver is meeting with a hearty response from all parts of the Dominion. The city of Toronto has forwarded them \$1,000, and Mayor Howland is also receiving private subscriptions for the same purpose. Hamilton has telegraphed \$500 for their relief, and other cities are responding in a hearty manner.

UNITED STATES.

Gov. Hill has signed the bill, recently passed by the New York Legislature, abolishing perpetual punishment for debt.

Mrs. Noah Mossholder, of Perkin, O., was in-