

OPENING OF THE COUNCIL.

The Indians being seated, and ready for their reception, Captain ANDERSON and Mr. VARDON shook the Chiefs severally by the hand.—After which Captain ANDERSON announced the number of Chiefs and Principal Men, from the several Communities respectively, there assembled, and then addressed the Council as follows: Mr. ALLAN SALT interpreting in Chippeway.

S P E E C H

delivered by Captain THOMAS G. ANDERSON, Visiting Superintendent Indian Affairs, to the Chiefs and Principal Men of the several Tribes under his Superintendence, in Council, convened at Orillia, the 30th July, 1846, for the purpose of taking their sentiments on the subject of establishing Manual Labour Schools for the Education of their Children, and other matters connected with their Temporal and Religious Advancement in Civilized Life.

“BRETHREN,

I am happy to meet you all in good health to day. Many years have passed since so many different Tribes were assembled in Council at one place. I have often met each band in their respective villages, and delivered to them the words which I have been commanded by the Government from time to time to communicate to them.

Brethren—As great changes are taking place in your condition, and your Great Mother, the Queen, having directed the Indian Department to make arrangements for your future guidance, I have obtained permission of His Lordship the Governor General, to assemble the Chiefs and Principal Men, under my Superintendence, in General Council, to deliberate on the following subjects.

Brethren—For many years past, the Government has used every means in its power to raise you upon a level with your white brethren, and your Missionaries have laboured with unceasing care to christianizé you, and instruct you in a knowledge of God's Word; but your unsettled state, and wandering habits, have rendered all their efforts insufficient for the full attainment of the great object in view.

It is therefore proposed, as I informed each of you last autumn,

First.—That the Tribes shall use every means in their power to abandon their present detached little villages, and unite, as far as practicable, in forming large settlements—where

Secondly.—Manual Labour Schools will be established for the education of your children: and the land, to which you may now, with the consent of the