

Foxes, Kickapoos, and the Shawnoes, about the Mississippi.

The Iroquois are more cultivated, and superior to the Algonquins, and are farther advanced in agriculture. The award of superiority was generally made to them. That the Hurons have applied themselves; more to this art than the Ochipwas, appears from the speech of One Canoe, afterwards referred to. They are consequently less disposed to wander. They have, also, better habitations, and more conveniences. Among the numerous Indians who used annually to visit Amherstburgh, for their presents, I have observed some from the north whom I understood to belong to this family; who, although Pagans, were really fine looking people, and well dressed. They used to bring large quantities of sugar, skins, and other articles, for sale, and were scarcely at all addicted to intoxication. They spent their money in the best cloth they could procure, and in other articles of comfort. The Mohawks, another branch of the same family, pride themselves on their nobility, and look down with some degree of contempt on the other nations. At the general council held at the Credit, a Mohawk Chief, in one of his speeches, did not fail to refer to this point.

The Wyandots, or as their real name is Yendots, otherwise called Hurons, are a tribe which were long distinguished as standing at the head of the great Indian family. The earliest travellers in Canada, first discovered this tribe while ascending the St. Lawrence, at Montreal. Where Montreal now stands, there was a celebrated city inhabited by them. They were a very powerful and great nation until wasted by their wars. Although of the Iroquois genus, yet it appears, they stood aloof from every other tribe, or sometimes associated themselves with the Ochipwas, Pabtewatomes, and Ottawas, against the six nations, and were sometimes at war with the Ochipwas, &c. Hence the people who went by the name of Iroquois, were often engaged in those fierce internal wars, which characterized the Indians of North America. The destruction of the greatest part of their number was effected in