

Sumack likewise grows here in great plenty; the leaf of which, gathered at Michaelmas, when it turns red is much esteemed by the natives. They mix about an equal quantity of it with their tobacco, which causes it to smoke pleasantly. Near this lake, and indeed about all the great lakes, is found a kind of willow, termed by the French bois rouge, in English, red wood. Its bark when only of one year's growth, is of a fine scarlet color, and appears very beautiful; but as it grows older, it changes into a mixture of grey and red. The stalks of this shrub grow many of them together, and rise to the height of six or eight feet, the largest not exceeding an inch diameter. The bark being scraped from the sticks, and dried and powdered, is also mixed by the Indians with their tobacco, and is held by them in the highest estimation, for their winter smoking. A weed that grows near the great lakes, in rocky places, they use in the summer season. It is called by the Indians Segockimac, and creeps like a vine on the ground, sometimes extending to eight or ten feet, and bearing a leaf about the size of a silver penny, nearly round; it is of the substance and color of the laurel, and is, like the tree it resembles, an evergreen. These leaves, dried and powdered, they likewise mix with their tobacco; and as said before, smoke it only during the summer. By these three succedaneums, the pipes of the Indians are well supplied through every season of the year; and as they are great smokers, they are very careful in properly gathering and preparing them.

On the 20th of September, I left the Green Bay, and proceeded up Fox river; still in company with the traders and some Indians. On the 25th I arrived at the great town of the Winnebagoes, situated on a small island, just as you enter the east end of the lake Winnebago. Here the queen who presided over this tribe instead of a Sachem, received me with great civility, and entertained me in a very distinguished manner, during the four days I continued with her.

The day after my arrival I held a Council with the chiefs, of whom I asked permission to pass through

their
business
the re
ment
cil, bu
directio
are ne
happen
then it
speech
man, in
her drel
These h
I showe
larly wh
quire he
endeavo
smiles s
tion I p
The t
best obs
lecting t
igin, la
these en
Winneb
ces belo
from the
or by th
refuge i
ago.
My re
from the
sie India
cor dur
present
tant from
Second
other In
uncouth
will atte
mons in