

## THE IROQUOIS COLORS.

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A request was made by Lieut.-Col. Thompson that the device for the flag should comprise totems of the Iroquois.

The origin of totemism has been explained elsewhere.

The totems chosen are---: Bear, Turtle, Wolf, Heron, Hawk and Hare, and for the Crest the Lion and Dragon backed by the rising sun.

The Iroquois colors are crimson and black. The colors are carried out in a crimson flag, with the Six Nation Seal or Coat-of-Arms in the centre, a black war shield. The sun is their War Lord and shield. The shield is round.

The Iroquois are the Great Tree People. The wreath is composed of the Oak and Acorn of England, the Maple of Canada and the Pine of the Iroquois. The significance of these is explained under 'Tree'.

The wreath contains the shield which is supported by the Hawk and Heron and encircled by the words, 'Six Nation Indians of the 114th Batt'. On the shield is the Bear an emblem common to the tribes of the Six Nations. The Bear is the food or life of the Red Men and therefore identical with the Iroquois Man.

The Bear stands on, 'Two pieces of wood tied tightly together' --Joseph Brant's name--On and Teh-on, Lord and War Lord. The wood is the Oak and Pine. These are tied with the silver covenant chain which binds the Iroquois and Anglo Saxon.

Beneath these are six arrows typical of the Six Nations.

The Hawk which supports the shield takes us back to the beginning of Time---the first Voice. Those acquainted with Egyptian history are aware that On, the City of the Sun is replete with symbolic carvings of the Eagle and the Hawk, the letter A, the radical of language, the Lord and War Lord of men. In Indian history the Eagle ever sits on the top of the Great Tree and warns the Nation of danger. The Chief wears one feather---an eagle's feather. The Eagle is the War Lord of the L-ah, L-on, Algonquin race of men. The Eagle clan is seldom found among the Six Nations. The Hawk a member of this family is a titled clan. It was chosen as more appropriate at the present time.

The water birds met the Sky-woman, carried her gently down and the babe was born. Some assert that it was the