

I had long felt the necessity of an industrial School for Indian children, or, as the Indians call it, "a big teaching wigwam." The idea was set in motion by the visit of the old Chief "Little Pine" to Toronto, Hamilton, St. Catharines, and other places in the summer of 1871. An account of this visit will be found on another page under the head of Little Pine's Journal. Some \$300 was collected at that time; this set the scheme going; and the following spring, 1872, I proposed to the other (Garden River) Chief, Buhkwujjenene, that we should make a trip to England, and endeavor to collect money sufficient to build the "Big Teaching Wigwam." This trip to England with Buhkwujjenene is what I propose to describe in the following pages. We started in the month of May, crossed the Atlantic Ocean, attended no end of meetings and garden-parties, had two interviews with the Archbishop of Canterbury, one with His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, visited the Zoological Gardens (where the Chief rode on a camel), the Crystal Palace, British Museum, and other places of interest, collected about £800, and got back to Garden River the following September.

Almost immediately after our return the Indians met together for a "logging-bee" and cleared about eight acres of land. The following winter we were busy hauling the timbers and lumber for the building with our ox-team. Then when spring set in, building commenced—just a frame structure an extension of the old parsonage. It was completed early in September, and on the 22nd. of that month was the grand opening day. There were fifteen Indian children at that time—boys and girls—and we were expecting a few more so as to make up twenty in all. Then six days after the opening came the terrible catastrophe—a fire broke out at 3 a.m., in the middle of the night, and at early dawn, three hours later, nothing was left but a

heap of smoking ashes. Nothing was saved except a few blankets and quilts, a dressing gown, a drawer out of my desk, and a child's crib. We only just escaped with our lives—clothes and everything had to be borrowed. I had the Roman Catholic priest's hat and boots on, and my wife a dress of his housekeeper's. We telegraphed to England from the American side, and then, winter coming on and having no provisions, and my wife in a most critical state of health, we left by the first steamboat down, and passed the winter in Collingwood.

Wonderful sympathy was stirred up for us on all sides. Besides supplying our immediate wants, our friends at once set to work with a subscription list both in England and in Canada, the result of which was that in due time \$12,000 was raised, and with this money our new, large handsome stone building with accommodation for seventy boys has been erected and placed on a good footing for continuance.

Now for the Story:—

It was sugar-making time, and Buhkwujjenene was at work three miles back in the bush collecting the sap from the maple trees, and, with the assistance of his wife and large family of daughters, boiling it down in huge black kettles to transform it into maple-sugar. It was rather a tramp getting out there, and I had to take my snow-shoes. About two miles back from where our parsonage stood, is a long range of low rocky hills, I suppose about 400 feet high, running about parallel with the course of the river. These hills are, for the most part, bare and naked but sprinkled with a few ragged balsams pine and birch. It was April, and the snow was gone from the exposed parts of the hill, but beyond, in the valley where sugar-making was going on, it was still a couple of feet deep.

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The Indian Council at Sarnia.

Sarnia, June 27, 1878.—The Grand Council was opened with impressive ceremonies at 11, a.m.; ninety delegates representing fourteen Reservations, were in attendance:—

NEW CREDIT—Head Chief David Sawyer, Chief Charles Herkimer, George Henry.

SNAKE AND GEORGIAN ISLAND—Chief Thomas Big Canoe, Charles Big Canoe, James Ashquabe.

SIX NATIONS OF THE GRAND RIVER—

Chiefs G. H. M. Johnston, Moses Martin, John Frazier, John Carpenter, Henry Clench, John General, jr., Nicodemus Porter, Gehazi Carpenter, Wm. Wedge, Dr. Bomberry, Josiah Hill, Moses Hill, Richard Hill, John Hill, David Vanevery, Geo. Key, Charles Sky, David John, Elijah Sickers, Michael Anthony, Geo. Buck.

WALPOLE ISLAND—Chief Joshua Greenbird, Henry P. Johnson, James Saugee, Joseph Knowsod, Moses Solomon, Joseph