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A Rough Road.



WHEN Mr. Wilson first came to Canada in 1868, he used to travel about a good deal among the Indians of Western Ontario, his headquarters at that time being the Sarnia Indian

Reserve. The accompanying cut illustrates a journey that he made at that time, with his interpreter, to visit the Indians at Sauble, near Southampton. An old journal of that date says: "A most dreadful road it was, the whole way. We had both to get down and



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lead the horse more than half the distance, and then our traps were in the most imminent danger of jumping out as the buggy went jolting and rolling over huge boulders and logs and stumps. It took us over two hours to reach the place, and when we got there, rain was coming down in torrents. We enquired for Wau-

bese's house, and, after some trouble, we at length found it; but it lay back at a distance from the road, with only a foot-path leading to it, so we had to take the horse from the buggy and lead him after us. The little house, made entirely of bark, stood in the most picturesque spot, surrounded by lofty pines. Near the house was a calf shed, into which we tried to squeeze our horse, but he would not go, so we had to take him to a stable about a mile off."

Shingwauk Jottings.

WE expect another Government grant for building purposes this spring.

1889-90 has been the mildest winter we have ever experienced at Sault Ste. Marie, so far, the glass not having fallen below zero more than two or three times; the snow, however, averages about two feet deep.

We shall have to put a new roof on the Shingwauk next summer; it is leaking in many places.

OUR Shingwauk boys have a merry time at the "shanty" back in the bush about four miles, cutting cord-wood for fuel. The gardener and four of them go at a time, starting out on Monday, and coming back Saturday afternoon. They take food with them and do their own cooking.

MISS CHAMPION is now lady Superintendent of the Wawanosh Home. She is a capital teacher, and all the girls like her.

THE Social given by the Buckskin Base Ball Club at Bowlby's Hall, in the Sault, passed off very well. The Indian choir sang "Jingle Bells," "Men of Harlech," and "Kemo Kimo." The net proceeds amounted to \$30.

THE Shingwauk Brass Band is playing twice a week at the public skating rink, Sault Ste. Marie, and receives \$5 each time for its services.

SEVERAL Wawanosh girls have gone out to service since the New Year began. Nancy Petahnuhquod to a house in the Sault, Nancy Henry to Bay Mills and Bella Matthews to Algoma Mills. Several more parties are wanting them.

THE funds of the Indian Homes are very low at present. It is no small matter to keep four Homes in