

They are not like other tribes in receipt of land payments from the Government, as they came into this Province from the United States during the American war as the free and independent allies of Great Britain, and have since been residing on a Chippaway reserve by sufferance. Had their fathers applied for lands after the close of the war, there can be little doubt but their request would have been granted. Their staple as to living, principally consists of corn, besides which they raise some wheat, oats, and potatoes, sufficient for their families. They are also in possession of a considerable number of cattle, and are generally more comfortable in their circumstances than the tribes which are in receipt of money yearly for lands surrendered to the Crown.

The Oneidas came into this Province also about eighteen years since from the State of New York, U. S., and purchased lands a few miles distant from the Muncceys, on the river Thames, with the money which they received for the sale of their lands to the United States Government. Soon after their arrival in Canada I learned from conversation with some of them that they originally belonged to the Episcopal Church of the U. S., but that after a large portion of their tribe had sold out and left many years before this period for Green Bay, in Illinois, U. S., this party was left without a spiritual instructor, and in consequence thereof many of them joined the Methodists. This was precisely their religious position when they came to this country, with the exception of six families which were and still remain pagans.

Some of their chiefs, who still valued the services of our Church, and were confirmed by the Bishop of New York, expressed a wish that I should extend my ministrations to them, with which request I gladly complied. Those in connexion with our Church built a comfortable school-house at their own expense, which also answers the purpose of a temporary church, that can accommodate over one hundred worshippers. The average attendance ranges about seventy. This tribe musters about 450, 150 of whom profess attachment to our Church. Among them are some excellent farmers, together with some mechanics. William Doxtater, the head chief of the Church party, raises a large quantity of grain