

Manawan Ind.
belong to St.
Maurice B.C.

* This information as far as it concerns
Pesan, was got from me through the
kindness of Pies Sugwen, who took
him on the Lièvre - not by myself
personally.

At this point and it resulted in the discovery that the only connection was that many years ago (perhaps between 1860 and 1865) some ten families of the St. Maurice went to the Desert to live in order to be near Mammwaki Mission. They were allowed to live on the reserve there, but were never recognized as members of the Desert Band nor enjoyed any of that band's privileges, excepting use of land which was conceded in a spirit of hospitality. The smallpox scourge of 1879 carried off completely, it is said, eight of these families. Two only escaped viz. those of Pesan and Louis Naynayash, both of whom were absent from the Desert, and they say that they never returned there "because they were not recognized as members of the band". Pesan is now on the Lièvre; Louis Naynayash at Manawan. Both admit that their forefathers, and themselves originally, belonged to the St. Maurice Band, and the council freely admitted that the Manawan Indians have no claims to be regarded as members of the Desert Band. All those present declared that they had no desire to remove to Mammwaki, as they "can make a better living at Manawan".

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