

both got ready with war clubs and lots of shot and powder. When they got to the Mohawk village their enemies were waiting for them to come. These brothers did all they could; they killed about three to five hundred of the Mohawks. While the fight was going on, one of the two Ojibwas got shot in the leg, and the leg was broken below the knee, but he fought on till he got tired and sick. "Well," he said to his brother, "we are going to get beaten. I will die in their hands, you run away and tell our people what has happened." The other brother started back home and left his brother to be killed, who was killed some time later. The one that got home told all the people what had happened. Everybody got ready to go down and kill all the Mohawks. When they got to the place where the fight was they saw the dead man sitting up dressed in some very nice things, such as buckskin clothing, but his scalp was taken.

When the Ojibwas got to the Mohawk village their captain gave a big yell to show the Mohawks that there was going to be a fight, and started to kill everyone who was in the village. When they got through they searched the place for the scalp that was taken from the brother and when they found it they burnt the village and started back home. When they got there they had a big time over the recovered scalp.

No. 22.

NANABUSH. (No. 6.)

*Told by John York.*

It was never known how Nanabush was born, only that he was working for God for *many years* (York says 2,000 years, which is evidently his expression to denote a very long time) looking after the world, such as to regulate the weather, rain, snow, and other things.

Nanabush did have a wife once, but only one child which was a girl. While living together he made up his mind to send his wife away to look after the dead, those that died long years ago, where she is now.

The old man is here somewhere in the north. She looks after the dead and he looks after the living. He will not die, nor will be sick, and is the only man that will live as long as the world lasts. He never works and always has plenty to eat, and lots of tobacco which he keeps in a skunk-skin bag. (In those days skunks were as big as a big Porcupine.) Nanabush is getting very grey sitting all the time smoking his pipe.

If you look sometimes in the north sky you will see the sky white at night. This is the time that Nanabush is poking his fire or making his fire.

Note.—Nanabush is often referred to as "The Old Man."

No. 23.

NANABUSH AND HIS WIFE'S CHAIR. (No. 7.)

*Told by John York.*

Nanabush went to hunt beaver one time. He placed his wife to watch for the beaver and she sat on a rock watching for the beaver to come out. She heard her man calling for her, he had killed the beaver. She went over and fixed the meat and dried it. This beaver was a great big one (a giant). His tail was very wide (about 5 feet). The rock on which she sat is just like a big chair and is on the Rama Reserve. Lots of people go to see it.