

submitted to public auction, fetched little more than £7,000. The Koh-i-Noor is of the purest water. The author stated, that in order to test a real diamond, and distinguish between that of a topaz, it was necessary to scratch it with sapphire (No. 9 in hardness), which would mark a topaz, but would not penetrate a diamond. He was sorry to find that so little attention had been paid to the means of testing diamonds; and instanced a ring which was recently purchased in Regent Street, London, for £200, which proved to be two pieces of rock crystal, with an intermediate insertion of coloured glass. In many of our watering-places the gentry were imposed upon by parties selling pieces of glass, which they represented to be sapphires picked up on the beach.—*Athenæum*.

Surrender of the Saugeen Peninsula.

The last surrender of any considerable tract of fertile land which can take place in Western Canada is recorded in the treaty which follows. Mere isolated patches, few and far between, now remain in possession of the miserable remnants of the sons of the soil. The treaty was concluded in October last, and opens a beautiful but rather distant and inaccessible region to the adventurous settler.

Treaty Recording the Surrender of the Saugeen Peninsula.

We, the Chief-Sachems and principle men of the Indian tribes residents at Saugeen and Owen Sound, confiding in the wisdom and protecting care of our Great Mother across the Big Lake, and believing that our Good Father, His Excellency the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Governor General of Canada, is anxiously desirous to promote those interests which will most largely conduce to the welfare of His Red children, have now, being in full Council assembled in presence of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, and of the young men of both tribes, agreed that it will be highly desirable for us to make a full and complete surrender unto the Crown of that Peninsula, known as the Saugeen and Owen Sound Indian Reserve, subject to certain restrictions and reservations to be hereinafter set forth. We have therefore set our marks on this document, after having heard the same read to us, and do hereby surrender the whole of the above named tract of country bound on the south by a straight line from the Indian Village of Saugeen, to the Indian Village of Nawash, in continuation of the Northern limit of the narrow strip recently surrendered by us to the Crown, and bounded on the North-east and West by Georgian Bay and Lake Huron, with the following reservations to wit:

1st.—For the benefit of the Saugeen Indians, we reserve all that block of land bounded on the West, by a straight line running due North from the River Saugeen at the spot where it is entered by a ravine, immediately to the west of the village, and over which a bridge has recently been constructed to the shore of Lake Huron:—on the South by the aforesaid northern limit of the lately surrendered strip;—on the East by a line drawn from a spot upon the coast at a distance of about nine miles and-a-half from the Western boundary aforesaid, and running parallel thereto until it touches the aforementioned northern limit of the recently surrendered strip, and we wish it to be clearly understood, that we wish the Peninsula at the mouth of the Saugeen River, to the west of the western boundary aforesaid, to be laid out in town and park lots and sold for our benefit without delay, and we also wish it to be understood that our surrender includes that parcel of land which is in continuation of the strip recently surrendered, to Saugeen River.

We do also reserve to ourselves that tract of land called Chief's Point, bounded on the East by a line drawn from a spot half-a-mile up the Sable River, and continued in a northerly direction to the Bay, and upon all other sides by the Lake.

2nd.—We reserve, for the benefit of the Owen Sound Indians, all that tract bounded on the South by the Northern limit of the continuation of strip recently surrendered on the North-west by a line drawn from the North-easterly angle of the aforesaid strip, (as it was surrendered in 1851,) in a North-easterly direction. On the South-east by the Sound, extending to the Southern limit of the Caughnawaga settlement:—on the North by a line two miles in length forming the said Southern limit, and we also reserve to ourselves all that tract of land called Cape Crocker, bounded on three sides by Georgian Bay, on the South-west by a line drawn from the bottom of Nochemowenaing Bay, to the mouth of Sucker River, and we include in the aforesaid surrender the parcel of land contained in the continuation to Owen Sound of the recently surrendered strip aforesaid.

3rd.—We do reserve for the benefit of the Colpoy's Bay Indians in the presence and with the concurrence of John Beattie, who represents the tribes at this Council, a block of land containing 6000 acres and including their village and bounded on the North by Colford's Bay.

All which reserves we hereby retain to ourselves and our children, in perpetuity, and it is agreed, that the interest of the principal sums arising out of the sale of our lands, be regularly paid to them, so long as there are Indians left to represent our tribe, without diminution, at half-yearly periods.

And we hereby request the sanction of our Great Father, the Governor General, to this surrender, which we consider highly conducive to our general interests.

Done in Council at Saugeen, this thirteenth day of October, 1854.

It is understood that no Islands are included in this surrender.

(Singed and sealed.)

L. OLIPHANT, Superintendent General Indian Affairs.

PETER JACOBS, Missionary.

(Witnesses.)

(Signed,)

JOHN ROSS, M.P.P.

C. RANKIN, P.L.S., (seal.)

A. McNAB, Crown Land Agent.

(Signed,)

John Kadahgekwan, (seal.)

Alexander Madwayosh, (seal.)

John Monedaowab, (seal.)

John Thos. Wabbahdick, (seal.)

Peter Jones, (seal.)

David Sawyer, (seal.)

John H. Beatty, (seal.)

Thomas Pababenosh, (seal.)

John Madwashaninck, (seal.)

John Johnston, (seal.)

John Aunjegahbowin, (seal.)

John Newash, (seal.)

Thomas Wabbahdick, (seal.)

Charles Keebick, (seal.)

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