

work at Farmer. And I thank you for paying my aduction and we have a hospital that we wanted very much if any of the boys get sick they will go to the hospital and girls also and we have a wigwam that Mr. Wilson built and Indian boys and the boys sing the hymns in it and they like singing very much and the boys catch rabbits and cook them on the fire for dinner and I have no more to say to you this evening and I am going to give you a nice little text "When my Father and my mother forsake me then the Lord will take me up."

I am yours respectilly,

ALECK BEESAW.

(Half-breed boy from Serpent River.)

SHINGWAUK HOME, SAULT STE. MARIE, Jan. 10th, 1887.

MY DEAR GRANDMOTHER,—I am writing to you this afternoon. We had good fun on Christmas eve, we had Santa Claus on Christmas eve. We had a Christmas tree. I got some nice things off it. Santa Claus struck me on my head. I like to stay here. We went to Church on New Years eve at half-past eleven o'clock in the night. The wigwam is burnt down now. I like the boys and they are kind to me. Please write to me as soon as you get this letter. I hope you are all quite well at present. We had good fun sliding on holidays, and we see the girls every Sunday. I am working. Miss Pigot says that my aunt made a pair of mocassins for her. We had good fun playing games in the evenings. Good bye, that's all I have to say to you. I did not write this myself, another boy wrote it for me, but I will sign my name.

I am your affectionate Grandson,

THOMAS CROMARTY.

(Ojibway boy from Lac Seul, Manitoba. Arrived last summer.)

SHINGWAUK HOME, SAULT STE. MARIE, Jan. 10th, 1887.

MY DEAR FATHER,—I am going to write a few lines to you about the Shingwauk Home. We had a very nice Christmas tree and I got 7 things, and we had good skating before but now the snow is too deep. Now I must tell you something else, there had been a wigwam built here, and it was nearly all the time smoking, one night when all was asleep it was smoking so bad I got up and opened the windows and then went back to bed but I could not sleep, at last I saw flames of fire and I soon woke up the boys and then I jumped out of the window which was pretty high, nothing was saved except some of the boys got up and put on a few clothes, but all the boys got out some way. It was burnt to the ground, it was a hard time trying to save the Shingwauk Home. And now I must end in wishing you a happy new year. Another boy is writing this for me, but I will sign my own name.

Yours truly son,

WILLIAM MOWAT.

(Ojibway boy from Lake of the Woods.)

EXTRACTS FROM BOYS' EXAMINATION PAPERS.

FOURTH CLASS.

1. What was Ontario formerly called? When was the change made?

Ned—"Ontario was formerly called Upper Canada; it had its name changed in 1867."

David—"Upper Canada; changed its name in the year 1867."

2. Where and what are Grey, Hull, Napanee, LaCloche?

Sahguj—"Grey is a county on the east of Lake Huron; Hull is a town near Ottawa, on the Ottawa River, in the County of Carleton; Napanee is a town on the North-east of Lake Ontario, in the County of Lennox; LaCloche—."

3. Parse "The boys' coats were exceedingly dirty."

Johnny—"The," adjective; 'boys,' com. noun, masc. gen., plural num., 3rd pers., poss. to coats; 'coats,' com. noun, neut. gen., plural num., 3rd

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