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Those Dusky Brothers

J. B. Brant, Chief of the Tyendinaga Reserve, Replies to Miss Dingman.

THE CHIEF REVEALS SOME NEW AND INTERESTING FACTS RESPECTING THE NOBLE RACE.

To the Editor of THE BEE.

DEAR SIR:—Hoping that you will give space again in your paper that your many readers may know the whole truth respecting the dusky brethren of the Tyendinaga Reserve, although Miss Lily Dingman's article, published in THE BEE, was replied to in the Toronto Empire, under the heading, "Unjust Criticism of the Mohawk Indians of the Tyendinaga Reserve." Let me make clear the unjust statement made by Miss Dingman that there were only "two schools," and also that "the churches are a Government institution," and the Mohawks had "no thought for to-morrow." But, let us first take a review, briefly, of the history of the Mohawk tribe. No Indians have been more written about than the six tribes which form the Iroquois Confederacy or the Six Nation Indians. These six tribes were the Mohawks, Oneidas, Onondagas, Cayugas, Senecas and Tuscaroras. The ancient possessions of the Iroquois were extensive. An ancient map made by the British Ordnance Department in 1720, shows their southern boundary as running through the centre of North Carolina, and west to the Mississippi; thence along that river and the course of the Illinois to the southern end of lake Michigan; thence through the centre of that lake to a point in Canada north of the great lakes, and thence eastward to the Atlantic ocean. Until the year 1776 the Six Nation Indians were located on the Mohawk River, New York state, where they had fine farms and prosperous villages. Their chief, at that time, was Hendrick, called "King Hendrick," who led their war parties at the time of the American revolutionary war. They remained loyal to the British flag, and for this reason they were forced to give up their ancient possessions, when they came into Canada. As it was agreed around the old Council fire at Cataraqui (near Kingston) that the nation should divide, Capt. Joseph Brant (Theyendinaga) went up the lake to Grand River, now county of Brant. Chief Deseronto came up the Bay of Quinte with five canoes and fifteen Mohawk families. (The Mohawks of the Tyendinaga Reserve number at present 1,070 souls). When they landed they hoisted the Union Jack, pitched their birch bark lodges and began to live again under the protection of the British Crown, as did also many of the U.E. Loyalists. The Mohawks settled and had the land surveyed, which they named Tyendinaga. After Brant had given them a deed by George III they did not wish to occupy the whole of their possessions and consequently at different times ceded portions of it to the Government, reserving 18,000 acres, which we now hold. From the proceeds of the land ceded the Mohawks built a large stone church. Over the west entrance there is a tablet surmounted by a wolf's head—Coat of Arms of the tribe—with the following inscription: "Erected by the Mohawks in token of their preservation by Divine mercy, 1842." And to prove the attachment of the tribe to the British throne over the inside door hangs the Royal Coat of Arms. In 1852 another stone church was erected in the west end of the reserve, and there is also a mission school, partially endowed with money collected in England by one of their chiefs. There are three other day schools on the reserve. The Mohawks, of Tyendinaga, pay annually nearly \$2,000 to missionary school teachers and other salaries and pensions through the Indian Department from the interest money of this fund of the band. The Deseronto Tribune, of Sept. 26, 1880, says: "We had a visit yesterday from W. M. Benning, Secretary of the New England Company, who has been visiting Canada on a tour of inspection for his Company. Yesterday, in company with Rev. G. A. Anderson, he visited the Tyendinaga Reserve, and inspected the mission school taught by Miss Kate Maracle, which receives a

grant from the New England Company. He was well pleased with the school in every respect. Mr. Benning has visited the Indians in all parts of Canada during the past few months, having traversed the country to British Columbia. He informs us that he considered the Indians of Tyendinaga to be more advanced than any elsewhere in Canada. He was pleased to see the progress they were making as farmers, and the many other evidences of thrift and advancement. As Mr. Benning has lately visited Grand River Reserve and other bands in Ontario his admission that the Mohawk band of Tyendinaga stands first in the Dominion is particularly gratifying and encouraging. The Mohawks, having embraced Christianity about two hundred years since, have always been as one family in their faith. Rev. G. A. Anderson, the present missionary, has borne the burden and heat of the day for upwards of forty years and is highly respected and beloved by all."

Yours faithfully,
CHIEF J. B. BRANT,
Tyendinaga Reserve,
Deseronto, Jan. 17, 1891.

Elma Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

The annual meeting of the Elma Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. was held in Atwood, on Tuesday, Jan. 13th. There was a large attendance of members present. Mr. Lochhead was called to the chair. The Secretary read the Auditors' report which showed that the Company's policies in force at date amounting to \$677,378.00, and held insurance premium notes to the amount of \$30,618.92; that the receipts for the year amounted to \$685.31, and disbursements \$470.51, leaving a balance in hand of \$214.80. On motion made and carried the Auditors' report was adopted. The retiring Directors were Wm. Shearer, James Donaldson and Thos. E. Gibson. Before election of officers took place the Secretary said that he thought it would be in the interest of the Company that another Director should be appointed for the township of Mornington, and tendered his resignation as Director to make room instead of increasing the Directorate to 12 members. It was agreed to accept Mr. Cleland's resignation, and on motion made and carried the retiring Directors were re-elected and James Greive, Deputy-Reeve of Mornington, to fill the vacancy. After a friendly discussion on farmers matters relating to the affairs of the Company and passing votes of thanks the meeting adjourned.

The new Board then met for organization. All the members present except Mr. Rothwell. Wm. Shearer was re-elected President; James Donaldson, Vice-President; R. Cleland, Sec. Treas.; Wm. Keith and John A. Turnbull, Auditors. Applications for insurance were received and accepted amounting to \$18,750.00. Thos. Gibson presented a claim from James Crawford, of Ellice, for stack of straw which was burned through accident or carelessness of his children. After carefully considering the matter it was agreed to allow the sum of twenty dollars in full of his claim. Meeting then adjourned till the first Tuesday in March, next.

R. CLELAND, Secretary.

Perth County Statistics.

Those readers who are fond of statistical reading will find much to interest them in this article. The number of rural acres in Perth county, the amount of wheat, oats, barley, etc., grown and live stock raised are given. The amount of cheese and butter made in the county, with their values, is recorded. The figures are taken from the annual report of the Bureau of Industries for Ontario for the year 1889, which has just been published by the Ontario Government.

To begin with, the total number of rural acres in Perth county that are occupied is 518,208, divided as follows:—363,787 acres cleared, 91,946 acres woodland, and 62,471 acres of swamp, marsh or waste land. Of this land 39,474 acres were seeded with fall wheat, the yield being 528,952 bushels, valued at \$468,593. Spring wheat occupied 1,853 acres and 31,872 bushels was the result; its value was \$28,077. Barley was planted on 17,728 acres, and after it had been harvested and threshed there were found to be 540,704 bushels, worth \$237,910. Of the cereals oats occupied the largest area—63,184 acres. The number of bushels produced was 2,706,905, and its value was \$825,606. Peas occupied 28,165, and the crop amounted to 42,475 bushels, valued at \$235,319. Corn was planted on only 952 acres, and was valued at \$8,830. Many other grains were grown in the county, but in such small quantities that it was deemed unnecessary to mention them. Hay and clover occupied the greatest acreage—69,277 acres—and there were 110,843 tons grown, the total value of which was \$1,108,213.

Of root crops potatoes occupied 3,146 acres. The number of bushels unearthed in the fall was 184,356, and the value of the murphies was \$83,882. There were 1,929 acres of mangel-wurzel planted, yielding 590,274 bushels. Turnip seed was planted in 3,792 acres, and the product thereof was 933,168 bushels. Besides the roots enumerated, carrots, beets, etc., were grown, but not in such large quantities as those mentioned.

There were in the county 76,243 cattle divided thus: 26,178 milch cows and 50,065 cattle of other kinds. There were also 26,410 horses. Of sheep and lambs there were 45,630 and these produced 149,273 pounds of fleece. Hogs numbered 23,364 and poultry 228,859. The value of rural land and buildings thereon is placed at \$28,725,243, and of live stock at \$3,821,420.

The manufacture of cheese has become an important industry in Canada, and in this Perth takes an active part. There were 24 factories; five in Downie, one each in North Easthope, South Easthope, Ellice, Fullarton and Logan, Elma has nine, Mornington three and

Wallace two. The names of the different factories are: Avonbank, Black Creek, Downie, Gore of Dowrie, Kasterville, Avondale, Tavistock, Kinkora, Britton, Donegal, Elma, Elmbank, Gotham, Monlton, Newry, Silver Corners, Trowbridge, Cold Creek, Willow Grove, Carthage, Milverton, Newton, Cedar Grove and Wallace. In most cases the factories are named after the village or township in which they are situated. There may have been more factories started since the report from which these figures are taken was compiled. The average opening and closing days of these factories was May 8 and Oct. 30, respectively, and between those dates they used 29,059,089 pounds of milk, out of which 2,705,640 pounds of cheese were made. The cheese sold for \$259,665. The product of the bovine was supplied to the factories by 1,459 patrons. Besides the cheese factories two butter factories made 37,399 pounds of butter, which was valued at \$7,257.

Perth County Notes.

A temperance lodge is talked of for Science Hill.

The Perth S.S. convention will be held at Listowel on Feb. 18 and 19.

F. Frey, late of the Royal, Mitchell, has leased the Hawkshaw hotel, Seaford, and removed with his family on Tuesday of last week.

The summer meeting of the South Perth Farmers' Institute will be held in Mitchell the last week in May.

The Stratford and St. Marys curlers played a match at the rink at the former place on Thursday of last week, resulting in a victory for the St. Marys players by 11 shots.

There are in attendance at the St. Marys Collegiate Institute since New Year's 193 students. This is the largest attendance there has ever been since the Institute was formed.

Wednesday of last week, Messrs. Graham Bros. of St. Marys, shipped two fine Clydesdales to Southern Indiana, and Messrs. W. Johnston and T. Smith left for South Illinois with three well-bred horses of the same class.

A thorough canvass in favor of prohibition has been made of the 8th con. Blanshard, by Messrs. Bugg and Davis. The majority of ratepayers and members of families who have attained the age of 16, have signed the petition.

A meeting of the patrons of the Avondale cheese factory was held in the factory on Thursday, 28th ult. The report for the past season showed that over \$2½ tons of cheese had been made, which sold at an average price of 9.303 cents per lb., thus amounting to over \$15,000.

The annual meeting of the Blanshard Agricultural Society was held at Kirkton on Wednesday, 8th inst. The reports submitted showed the society to be in a healthy financial condition. The following were elected officers for 1891: President, Reuben Switzer; Vice Pres., Wm. Hazlewood; Sec. Treas., R. Beatty; Directors, S. Doupe, W. Roger, J. Shier, D. Creighton, J. Hazlewood, J. Barnes, W. H. Marshall, W. Hanson and W. Newell.

Samuel Johnston, of Mornington, died at the residence of his son Robert near Carthage, on Jan. 14, in his 89th year. Deceased was a native of Tyrone, Ireland, and came to this country many years ago, settling first in the Ottawa district. In 1856 he removed to Mornington, where he made a home for himself and family, of whom six sons and four daughters are now living, most of them near Carthage and in Elma, the sons having good farms and the daughters being married to farmers. The old gentleman enjoyed good health up to a few days before his death.

The annual meeting of the shareholders and patrons of the Blanshard and Nissouri Cheese and Butter Co., was held at the school house near the factory on Saturday, 10th inst. There was a very full attendance and much interest taken in the financial statement, which shows that during the season just past 3,938,519 lbs. of milk had been received from which 136½ tons of cheese were made. The September and October cheese brought 10c. per lb., and alone brought the sum of \$8,732.30. The full season's work represents considerably more beyond the previous year by 5½ tons and is nearly double of what it was six years ago.

The annual meeting of Knox church congregations, St. Marys, was held Wednesday afternoon of last week. There was a very fair attendance. The reports submitted showed the church to be in a very flourishing condition numerically and financially. During the past year the membership has increased by 34 with 10 removals making a net increase of 24 members. \$153 was contributed by the congregation to the schemes of the church and \$111 to the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. The treasurer of the congregation reported a balance on hand of \$168; as also did the Ladies' Aid Society of \$34.73, and the treasurer of the Sabbath school of \$38.19. The annual meeting of the First Presbyterian congregation was held last Monday afternoon.

A disastrous fire broke out in Messrs. Weir & Weir's flax mill, St. Marys, at about half-past one o'clock Sunday afternoon. It was first discovered in the roof adjoining the chimney, and spread very rapidly. The fire brigade responded promptly to the alarm, and succeeded in preventing the flames spreading to the immense stacks of flax near by. The north end of the building, which was of stone, and in which was located the engine and boiler, and also the electric light dynamo and machinery, belonging to L. R. Reesor, was saved almost without injury, but the remainder of the building was a total wreck. The Messrs. Weir, who are the largest dealers in flax in the province, are heavy losers, as there was no insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown. About sixty hands are thrown out of employment by reason of the conflagration.

Huron County Notes.

W. Morris, of the Seaford green house, has green rhubarb and onions ready for the table and strawberries in bloom.

The Congregationalists, of Salem, are to have their annual tea meeting next Wednesday evening. A splendid time is expected.

T. Chapman, of Calgary, is in Hensall for a few days. He is loud in praise of the "city in sight of the Rockies." He is satisfied that it will be a fine city some day.

Miss Eliza Clark, daughter of Wm. Clark, formerly of the 5th line, Morris, joined hands and heart with Jno. Sherritt, of Manitoba. The ceremony was performed at Pence, Man.

Wm. Cunningham, of Colbourne, sold his prize-winning stallion to an American for the sum of \$600, and he says it does not pay to raise good horses. He delivered the horse in Seaford.

Miss Edith Cash, second daughter of Edward Cash, Seaford, has accepted a situation as teacher in a school in Grand Valley, in the county of Wellington, a village on the line of the C. P. R.

A. W. Sloan, Blyth, is taking an extended trip through the States at present. Taking into account the trouble Mr. Sloan has lately had in connection with the burning of his five barns, no doubt the trip will prove greatly beneficial to him.

The return of cases tried at the General Sessions and county judge's criminal court for Huron for the last half year of 1890 comprises four larcenies, one arson, two aggravated assaults, three indecent assaults, one carrying revolver—eleven in all. There were eight convictions and three acquittals, the sentences ranging from five years in the provincial penitentiary to 3 months in the common jail.

The Huron Medical Association held its annual meeting, which was very successful, at Seaford, Tuesday of last week. After discussing matters of interest, the following were elected officers:—President, Dr. Bruce Smith, Seaford; Vice-President, Dr. J. R. Armstrong, Fullarton; Secretary, Dr. W. E. Gumb, Clinton; Pathologists, Drs. Graham, of Brussels, Elliott, of Brucefield, and Wood of Mitchell.

The following is a statement of the operations of the Walton cheese factory for the past season: There were 682,112 lbs. of milk received at the factory, from which were made 62,333 lbs. of cheese, which realized the sum of \$5,688.98. The average pounds of milk to make one pound of cheese was 10.94; the average price per pound realized for the cheese for the season was 9.12½ cents, netting to the patrons 6.69 cents per pound.

On Monday of last week one of David Milne's (Ellice) thoroughbred cows (he keeps nothing else at present) presented him with twin calves, all doing well. This is the third successive year in which Mr. Milne has been thus favored but by a different cow each time, in fact twins are growing quite monotonous. He has now 44 head of cattle, 10 horses and 14 Leicester sheep. Mr. Milne has disposed of four females and three bulls this winter and has a good supply yet of both sexes.

The annual meeting of the Turnberry Agricultural Society was held at Korman's hotel, Wingham, on the 6th inst., with Chas. Henderson, President, in the chair. The auditors' report was read, showing the society to be in a flourishing condition, with a balance of nearly \$200. The officers elected for the current year are as follows: Chas. Henderson, President; Geo. Moffatt, Vice-President; John Anderson, Sec. Treas.; and Messrs. Robt. Maxwell, Thos. Jenkins, John Diment, John Elston, Wm. Isbister, Peter Fowler, John Anderson, and Thos. Goy, directors.

The annual meeting of the Stanley Branch of the Agricultural Society was held at Elliot's hotel, Bayfield, on Thursday 8th, for the purpose of electing officers and directors for the current year. The attendance was good. The following officers and directors were appointed: George Castle, President; Wm. Townsend, Vice-Pres.; Jas. Armstrong, Sec. Treas.; Directors, Jos. Wild, Alex. Granger, J. E. Swarts, Jno. Stephenson, Richard Penhale, Thomas Harrison, Robt. E. Snowdon, John Johnston and John Dunn. Auditors, John Morgan and W. H. Woods.

The annual meeting of the Ashfield and West Wawanosh Agricultural Society was held on Saturday, Jan. 10th, 1891, when Chas. Girvin, sr., who has been president of the society since its formation, was re-appointed president for the ensuing year; J. M. Roberts, treasurer; Wm. McArthur, secretary. This institution is now in a flourishing condition, and the anticipation of the executive that a judicious expenditure on grounds and buildings last year by a stock company would be promotive of good results have been fully realized, and more than realized. To-day the society holds a position second to only the leading shows of the county, and a good one at that.

On Monday evening, 12th inst., a number of prominent gentlemen of the town, among whom were Chas. Hamilton, F. W. Tanner, John Wilford, Dr. Sloan, S. H. Gidley, C. E. Tanner, J. S. McKinnon, John Emigh, A. McNally, Dr. Carder, Frank Metcalf, Robert Howard and C. A. Howe, deputy-reeve of Morris, proceeded to the house of ex-reeve P. Kelly, and on behalf of the citizens of Blyth, presented Mr. Kelly with a gold-headed cane, which bore the following inscription: "Presented to P. Kelly, Esq., by the citizens of Blyth, in recognition of his services as reeve for the past 17 years, 1891." We understand Mr. Hamilton read an address to Mr. Kelly while Dr. Sloan attended to the matter of presenting the cane. Mr. Kelly made a most suitable reply although taken unawares; after which the company settled down for an evening's amusement, which broke up with the party singing with a full meaning, "For he is a jolly good fellow."

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