

Doncaster, county of Montcalm, for the Iroquois of Caughnawaga and Two Mountains. This reserve is not occupied by the Indians.

An agreement was come to with the Seminary of St. Sulpice in 1851 whereby the seminary were to pay the Indians for their improvements if they would remove from the lands occupied by them at the Lake of Two Mountains and to advance an amount sufficient to pay for the lands selected elsewhere for these Indians, as well as to bear the cost of removing them to and establishing them in part on such location.

One of the Chiefs and three other Indians of the band accompanied by the Indian Agent visited Muskoka County and selected a tract of land in the township of Gibson comprising 25,582 acres, and this land was purchased for them from the Ontario Government.

The seminary carried out the conditions entered into by them, and 150 of the Oka Indians are now residing on the Watha Reserve, township of Gibson.

A large number of the Indians, however, declined to take advantage of the arrangement entered into for them and there are now about 450 Indians who reside at the Lake of Two Mountains.

The case against Joseph K. Gabriel is for having cut wood on the land of one Dorsino Brisebois who holds a deed of the land from the seminary of St. Sulpice and who entered both a civil and criminal action against Gabriel for the damage done to his property by the cutting of the wood. Brisebois secured judgment by default in a civil action. The Department does not see that any other answer can be given to Gabriel's request for protection from arrest than that already given him.

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