

by the ministrations of our apostolic Church ; laid before Sir J. Colborn, in 1835, a plan for collecting all the Indians in the province on one of the numerous islands that stud the north shore of Lake Huron, and named this as the largest and best adapted of the group for making the experiment proposed. This plan having met with the approbation of that friend to the North American-Indian race, Captain Anderson, accompanied by the Rev. Adam Elliot, made a progress along the whole northern shore of Lake Huron, in the month of June that year, for the purpose of laying the proposed plan of a general Indian settlement on this island before the various chiefs. With this intention, they started from Penetangweshene, situated near the extremity of the Georgian Bay, and continued their voyage, touching at every point or island where there were Indians to be found, till they arrived at the Sault de St. Marie (Pahwahteng) where they landed, on the 27th of that month. Their exertions were attended with signal success, not less than 400 of the Indians to whom they communicated the proposed plan highly approving of it, and promising to avail themselves of the temporal and spiritual advantages it offered.

With these prospects of success, the above mentioned gentlemen, with Mr. Orr, as schoolmaster, arrived here, to take up their abode permanently, on the 28th of May, 1836 ; and having cleared a few feet of land, in the midst of the thick forest that then occupied the place of the present establishment,