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MORAVIANTOWN RESERVE.

MORAVIANTOWN, Aug. 3rd, 1886.

The election of C. M. Stonefish as Head Chief of the Band for the next term has been protested by ex-Chief Lewis and his supporters, charged with bribery, but they failed to prove anything. The case was decided by the Minister of Justice at Ottawa, Chief Stonefish and his councillors being confirmed on July 29th.

I enclose a letter from W. R. Snake, of this reserve, who is now in the Indian Territory, U.S., which I think will be interesting to your readers especially in this section.

J. B. NOAH.

DELEWARE RESERVE, Ind. Terr.

On June 1st left home, take trip to Indian Territory, arrived there June 4th, staid with Chas. Journeycake, find everybody in good health. Delaware tribe number 779, very good people; received me in good care; wherever I go visiting, they talk little different; I talk Munciey language; I understand them pretty good, excepting a few words; but most of them talk English, so I could get along with them very well. They were very good farmers. I have

seen a man have two hundred acres of corn; they live mostly on corn, just the same as we on wheat in Canada. They sell corn at fifty cents a bushel, in ears. They have early harvest, cutting their wheat June 7th. I saw oats being cut June 16th, but climate is very hot. I was sick a few days on account of hot weather; don't suit me. I eat green corn, June 20th, everything early, that is, garden stuff. Delaware payment, June 28th, they have big times, which last three days. They draw \$24 dollars apiece. Their interest money amounts to \$19,500. Lots of the land not worked too much, They can't work it all although there are lots of people. I counts the different tribes, which are as follows: Cherokees, Delaware, Shawnees, Mexicans, Pawnees, Osages, Wichitas, Kiowas, Chickasaws, Seminoles, Kickapoos, Comanches, and Pottawottamies. I stay in this country four weeks, can't stay any longer, so hot weather, I have to come home. I hope there will be some of my Indian friends will tell us something about their tours.

I remain, yours truly,

WILLIAM ROBERT SNAKE.

P. S.—I will write again next week a full account of my trip.

TYENDINAGA RESERVE.

The Committee are meeting with every encouragement in their arrangements for the Grand Political Picnic on the Tyendinaga Reserve on the 1st and 2nd of Sept. They have received assurances of the presence on that occasion of many prominent politicians.

Rumour says that Mr. Francis Claus has the agency for John T. Greatrix's Superior Baking Powder; Mr. Claus is at present introducing the genuine article in Bearbrook, Russell County: his many friends extend their good wishes for the success of his undertaking.

Miss Kahnocratishon has been very ill for the past week, but is now recovering.

Mr. Jacob Brant is erecting a new barn on his farm near Brant's wharf.

On Tuesday morning Peter and Josiah Brant and David Smith departed for Bald Mountains to have a good feast of whortle berries; it is hoped they will return with Q. S. to treat friends.

DECATUR, MICH., July 28th, 1886.

To the Editor of THE INDIAN:

DEAR SIR:

Allow me space in your valuable paper, having had the pleasure of meeting some of the representatives of your race at Plainwell, attended lecture given by Princess Viroqua, and Dr. Ontioyoh, nephew, both of whom acquitted themselves well. The Princess told them truths they never thought of before. They had the elite of the town out to hear them. After the lecture they were surrounded on all sides, I really thought they were going to be swallowed up then and there. The Princess, whose kindly face beams with happiness; her name is a household word in this part of the country. Your people must all feel proud of her and well you may, for she certainly is doing a great deal of good, not only in healing, but also in breaking up the prejudice of my people, of whom I feel ashamed, to think that an Indian Princess was

capable of instructing and making all feel ashamed of their inferior knowledge to her. Had the extreme pleasure of having a nice visit with both the nephew and herself. He is a noble specimen of the race.

I remain, yours truly,

A. J. MADDEN.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

A new post office has been established on the reserve at Georgina Island, and is in full operation. Any mail matter sent to the Island should be addressed Georgina Island P. O., Ont.

THE NOBLE RED MAN IN TOWN.

Yesterday Rev. John McDougall, of Morley, Alberta, N.W.T., arrived in the city, accompanied by three Indian chiefs, and put up at the Robinson house. Rev. Mr. McDougall is the son of the late Rev. George McDougall, who was one of the first missionaries to the Northwest, and who was frozen to death a few years ago. Rev. Geo. McDougall was implicitly trusted by the Indians all over the territory, and during his life probably exercised more influence over them and did more to keep them peaceable than any other man of the time. His son, who arrived here yesterday, has also been in the Northwest doing missionary work for twenty years, is intimately acquainted with their languages, and has great influence with them. He came to Toronto for the purpose of attending the Methodist conference in September, and to show the chiefs whom he brought with him the civilization of Ontario. The chiefs who accompany him are Chief Pakan, of White Fish Lake, Chief Samson, of Bear's Hill, and Jonas Chomin, of the Rocky Mountains. Mr. McDougall will take them to Ottawa to interview the government with regard to the adjustment of their land affairs.

Leonard Williams shot Ellis Rattling Gourd Sunday evening at John Terrell's, near Eureka. The ball passed through both legs causing a painful wound, and a dangerous one owing to the hot weather.—*Cherokee Advocate*. That would be a jolly place to spend Sunday evening; a rattling way to be gored by a ball.

The Bear's Hill Band of Indians have done very well in farming this season. Samson's band has under crop 104 acres out of 110 broken; Ermine Skin has 97 acres of crop out of 104 broken; Louis Bull has 47 acres out of 55 broken; and one man on Bob-Tail's band has 10 acres of crop. Sharphead, of the Wolf Creek band of Stonies, has done well, but his land has not been measured.

Gabriel Dumont, the exiled Lieutenant of Louis Riel, received the news of "amnesty" with tears of joy; and the various Indian Chiefs composing "Buffalo Bill's Wild Show of the West" on Staten Island, manifested their extreme delight and sympathy, by a successive series of howls and grand united "War Whoops." The managers gave Dumont a grand banquet in honor of the event: It is said he owned about \$80,000 worth of property in the Northwest, which will likely be restored to him.