

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE INDIAN TRIBES IN PETERBOROUGH COUNTY

Two Reservations Located There—the
Rice Lake Indians and the Settlement
on Chemong Lake.

The proposition, announced in the press, that the members of the Indian tribes who participated in the war, and other male members as well, be given the franchise and practically made Canadian citizens, arouses interest in this people. In this district, and for over one hundred years, they have been wards of Government. A race within a race and set apart. Self-contained communities, directed and officialized under the Department of the Interior, so far as supervision by the Government is concerned.

It may be of interest to reproduce in print the facts with regard to this people, especially as contained within the borders of the County of Peterborough, two of the reservations, practically all that appertain to the Eastern part of the Province. Definite statements are taken from a compilation known as a Directory of the United Counties of Peterborough and Victoria, published in 1885 by T. & R. White, at Peterborough. Mr. E. H. D. Hall has preserved in bound form many pamphlets relating to the years of the middle of the last century, and from the information contained the following is extracted:

Special Commissioner

In 1856 a special commissioner was appointed to inquire into the Indian affairs of Canada. Periodically there came about more or less restlessness among the members of the tribes. Partly the result of dissatisfaction with the lands and from the gradual coming in among them of the habits of civilization. So the report deals with the conditions of the remnants of the tribes at that time remaining in the district.

First the Commissioner notes the situation as regards the Mississauga of Rice, Mud and Chemong Lakes. These bands, members of the same tribe, surrendered their possessions in 1819 for an annuity of \$2,500, in decimal coinage. The tract of land so ceded comprised 1,251,000 acres, situated in the Newcastle district. This District embraced what is now called the Midland District of Ontario, and extended to nearly the boundaries of the County of Frontenac. It also included from the height of land on the north to Lake Ontario.

The Rice Lake Indians occupy about 1,550 acres of land of which 1,120 were granted in 1834 to trustees for "the benefit of the Indian Tribes in the Province, and with a view to their conversion and civilization." In addition, as time went on, the tribe purchased in addition, and out of their own funds, 20 acres in Ontonabee which is also held in trust for the joint benefits of the Rice Lake and Mud Lake Indians.

"A White Woman"

The chronicle also adds: These tribes are all Christianized. The Rice Lake and Chemong Indians adopting the Methodist form of belief, while the Mud Lake tribe is under the superintendence of the New England Company. At date of the observations, the clergyman was a Baptist. It is also noted that the community numbered 145, being a small increase during the previous fifteen years. Of temporal belongings there was on the village twenty-six houses, all but one of which was built of logs; thirteen barns, of which eleven were frame structures, a frame church, a school house, a Council House and a school master's house.

In keeping with the routine that prevailed for so many years and for that matter now obtains in the country districts, the schoolmaster was, as stated, a "White Woman." The usual attendance is reported by the Commissioner to have reached, in suitable weather, as many as thirty. During the winter it averaged about half that number. Then in certain seasons, such as the rice gathering and fish drying times, the attendance fell to away below normal, though the total number of children of an age to attend school is given as forty-six.

Brief review describes the settlement on the shore of Mud or Chemong Lake. At this spot the tribe had located in 1833. The post office is now officially known as Curve Lake. The community occupied a tract of land of 1,600 acres in the township of Smith, which was given for the community in trust to the New England Company in 1837. The

division of the community lands into plots was undertaken by Rev. Mr. Gilmour, who allotted to each family a parcel of land varying from one to four acres. At the time indicated the tribe numbered ninety-six individuals, holding them, seventy acres of land, all of which was cleared. The public property consisted of a log church and a quantity of farming implements and stock. Thus it followed that ploughs, harrows and such tools were used in common and in turn as each finished such work in hand. Horses were also, to some extent, community property, though the holder of the stock had a prior right to use in consideration of his trust and care of the animals. The village included seventeen houses and six barns, all built of logs. Looking at the neat, comfortable and prosperous appearing community today it can readily be seen how fast the tribe has progressed in worldly belongings. The church is a credit to the village, and the school house most creditable. Also many frame and brick dwellings have replaced the first structures.

Scugog Lake Band

Another of the bands, or communities, is that now known as the Scugog Lake Band. Originally this people were assigned to a reservation on Balsam Lake. The tract is now known as the Indian Point Farm, jutting down like a long finger from about the neighborhood of the village of Cobocook. In crossing the lake to reach the entrance to the stretch of Trent Canal, that was driven across country to the location of Kilmfield and the other Lift Lock, one passes the lower point of this one-time reservation. But the tribe becoming dissatisfied with the climate (lake exposure) and the quality of the soil in the location, it was permitted to purchase out of the proceeds of the annuity six hundred acres in the township of Cartwright on the shores of Lake Scugog. It was arranged that the improvements made on the lands of the first reservation should be sold for the benefit of the tribe, and though repeatedly advertised for sale, no purchaser appeared. This seems to have disheartened the community, and though they had changed the location for the purpose of improving the agricultural possibilities, only a small part of the new reserve was placed under cultivation. On such as was cultivated was raised wheat, oats, Indian corn, potatoes, etc., but not even in sufficient quantity to supply the band with food.

Public Property

The band possessed, as public property (at time of investigation), eight log houses and a school house, much out of repair. Between 1844 and 1868 the population of the reserve had dwindled from ninety-six to sixty-one, with only twelve children of school age. Eventually the Indian Point Survey came into the hands of the Denniston family and formed the nucleus of a stock farm. Further on John Carnegie took it over and for some years Mr. Hilliard Carnegie made of the lands a dairy farm and cattle ranch, with some considerable success. Being surrounded by water on three sides the location is well fitted for the objects for which it is now used, though poorly adapted for cultivation.

In summing up the operations as carried on the Commissioner tabulates the avails from the previous harvest, as grouped from the records of the three Bands: Wheat, 8,989 bu.; Indian corn, 75 bu.; peas, 117 bu.; oats, 177 bu.; potatoes, 658 bu.; hay, 59 tons. The farming stock owned by individuals amounted to 25 cattle, 19 horses, 56 pigs, with a tolerable supply of implements, wagons, wood sleighs and other vehicles.

From time to time doubts and rumors were started as to the Indian claim to ownership of the islands in Rice Lake. It may be well to remark that at the time of the surrender of the country from the head of Bay of Quinte to the River Etobicoke in 1788, Rice Lake was expressly reserved, and does not seem to have been subsequently ceded. It is true that there were

such formalities in the execution of this Treaty that Lt.-Governor Simcoe declared it not to be binding except so far as the good faith of the Indians recognized it. They have carried out their share of the bargain, and we conceive that their claim to the islands in Rice Lake consequently should be admitted."

From the reservations of Curve Lake, Hiawatha and from Rama, on Lake Couchiching, were recruited many men who were of the very best in the fighting ranks. It is not suggested that the franchise be bestowed as a recognition. This is not viewed with warmth and readiness by the men of the tribes. It is feared that once the franchise be bestowed and with it, certain other privileges that follow, there will come a breaking up of the population of the reservations, a drifting apart, and that the community of interest will wane. Then again, as was held by the Brant Indians, they stand in a special relation to the British Crown, and are not subject, except as a distinct people, to Canadian laws. This was seen when the Brant reservation refused to register under the Act of 1917. Men of influence and thought, in the tribes, distrust the results that would follow political freedom and what is entailed. For instance, the Indian cannot now be sued in court for debt. If trusted, it is entirely in his own recognition to pay. Consequently this all acts as a deterrent to getting into debt and to a hesitation on the part of the merchant to give credit. And as well conduces to frugality on the part of the member of the reservation. It is possible, as well that the township taxation might follow, and that would not be viewed with comfort. Possibly the whole proposition is one that it would do well to let alone and not tinker with. No appeal has come from the Bands for the franchise, and until such wish has been expressed it would seem doubtful that political responsibility should be, even in good intention, thrust upon them.

MADOC

Mr. A. Seller, of St. Lambert, spent the week-end with Mr. Stringer. Dr. Grant Fraser spent a few days in Toronto this week. Miss Kathleen Lahey spent Friday in Belleville. Miss Lola Ooe has been visiting in Toronto for a few weeks. Mrs. R. S. Smith left on Wednesday to join her husband at Ottawa. Mr. and Mrs. Latta, of Plainfield, have been the guests of Rev. Wm. H. Hutton. Miss Marion Hall spent the week-end in Belleville, the guest of little Miss Mary Snider. Mr. Norman O'Flynn, of the Dominion Bank, Toronto, is visiting his mother in town. Mr. Wm. Hawthorne last week moved into the house recently occupied by Mr. Chas. Mawson. Miss Mabel Blair, of Anenold, Sask., and Mrs. Geo. Shortt, of Sidney, spent last week with relatives in town. Mr. Louis Latton, of Hungerford, has leased Mr. D. McKinnon's farm at Madoc, formerly known as the old Howlet Place. Mr. Kinneer Cross has returned to take up his duties in the Bank of Commerce, Madoc, after relieving in the Belleville Bank for a few weeks. Mr. Tom Rivers, formerly of Hungerford, has bought Mr. Felix Murphy's farm near Madoc. Mr. Murphy has leased a farm in New York State near the property of his brother, Dominie. Mr. Chas. Thompson, of Cooper, has disposed of his property known as the "Vankleek Farm" to Mr. Wm. Ferguson, and is removing to Southern Manitoba, where he purposes farming on a large scale. Madoc Review.

PICTON

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chase, Concession, Mr. Hiram McDonald and Miss Williams, Gilead, spent Saturday in Picton. Mr. David Hubbs, of Mt. Pleasant, has been visiting his mother. Mrs. David Thorn, corner Queen and Centre streets, Picton. Mrs. Alva Minaker and daughter Marjorie are visiting in Napanee. Miss Alma Zufelt, Wellington, was over Sunday the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gerow, Ontario street. Miss Reta Wood spent the week-end with her brother, Mr. Roy Wood, Elmbrooke. Mrs. George H. Moore (nee Dunetta), of 81 N. Plymouth avenue, Rochester, N.Y., formerly of Picton, who has been recuperating for the past few weeks at St. Mary's Hospital for Belleville to bring the body of her returned to her home and is gaining as rapidly as can be expected. Mr. A. A. Britton, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Picton, left on Tuesday for Sussex, N.B., where he will take the position of accountant in

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In Montreal alone, from January 20th to February 21st, three thousand, one hundred and twenty-two cases of influenza, and 139 deaths from the disease were reported to the Health Department.

If the outbreak had come at the beginning of the winter instead of the end, we might reasonably feel that the very cold weather would check the spread of the disease. But coming as it has, at the end of the winter, there is grave fear that an epidemic may occur. For spring, with its slush and rain under foot, its dampness and chill, its constant changing from cold to warm and back again, is a prolific source of coughs and colds, pleurisy and pneumonia.

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the Bank of Nova Scotia. Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Demille, Paul street, entertained at the tea hour, Monday, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Calnan.

Captain John O'Hagan, of North Tonawanda, has sold the American barge Arthur to the Webster Steamship Company of Quebec.

Mrs. Arthur Hall, Hamilton, has returned to Picton, and is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Henderson.

Miss Florence McKibbin is spending a few days at the home of Salmon Point, after successfully completing her course at O.E.D. Belleville.

Mrs. Walter Allen, of Peterboro, who has been the guest of Mrs. W. H. Seth and Miss Laura, returned home the past week, after a pleasant visit.

Mrs. W. E. Hickey and Miss Dora Hickey spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Gay Wilson, Belleville.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Woodrow have returned to Picton after spending the winter with their daughter, Mrs. D. S. Collier, at Kingston.

Mrs. Israel Tripp, who has been living in Trenton with his son, is moving back to his own residence in Hillier. Mr. Oscar Boyer who has been living in Mr. Herb. Chase's house, has returned to Picton.

Mrs. Chester Hager, whose husband was a Civil War veteran and in receipt of a pension from the United States Government until his death, has been accorded a widow's pension and has received her first payment.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Sills, Elmbrooke, left on Wednesday afternoon for Belleville to bring the body of Miss M. J. McKnight to Picton for burial in Glenwood cemetery. The funeral will take place on arrival of the afternoon train.

Mr. M. E. Kean, recently sold to Mr. F. D. Fearman, Burlington, a White Rock rooster from his poultry

try yards. Mr. Fearman had never seen the bird until it arrived at Burlington. He has since written Mr. Knox: "White Rock rooster arrived some time ago. We are well pleased with him and consider him a very satisfactory bird."

Mr. Royal Burns, who has been with the Bank of Nova Scotia, Kingston, for the last eight months, has been transferred to Picton as accountant of the Picton Branch.

Mr. J. R. McKay of the Bank of Nova Scotia, has been transferred to the Kingston, Jamaica, branch of this bank and will leave Picton next week, reporting for duty early in April.

Last Friday's thaw and heavy rainstorm, which meant quite a flood in low-lying portions of the town through melting snow and rain, was followed on Saturday and Sunday with cooler weather. Another warm spell on Tuesday with more rain left very little snow.

Motor cars are running freely again in town and on many country roads, although heavy drifts in a few places still interfere with motoring on some roads. Mr. Everett Scott reports that the Belleville Road is not yet open for motor traffic.

On Tuesday Mr. John I. Cullen moved a six-ton steam roller from Hyatt & Hart's mill at Picton to Mr. Sylvester Church's canning factory at Indian Point. The boiler was loaded on a strong set of sleighs and drawn by two teams of horses owned by Mr. Fred Burford.

The trip was made on the ice in four and a half hours from the start the boiler was landed at the factory. Captain Wyatt Welbanks accompanied the party and greatly admired the skill with which Mr. Cullen handled the unwieldy bulk. Not a hitch occurred from the start until it landed in its place at the factory. In passing over the cracks the heavy load caused the water to rush through the air holes and cover the ice, but the load wasn't permitted to linger in these places. The party stopped long enough in passing to examine the schooner Bertie Caulkins, which lies in the ice near the Point. They report the vessel in bad shape. At the Point-dinner was served the party by Mrs. Frank Connor and after the eighteen-mile trip was greatly appreciated. Captain Welbanks, who is some of a connoisseur, declares he never ate a more satisfactory meal. The return trip was made in one hour and fifty-five minutes against a head wind. Times and Gazette.

STIRLING

Rev. H. Frost, of Trenton, was in town on Tuesday. Miss Bessie Wallace spent the past week in Trenton, the guest of her friend, Miss Alena Valieu.

Miss Leona Gligard, of Peterboro, is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. Wellman, Springbrook.

Mr. Jas. A. Moore, of Springbrook spent a few days last week visiting his sons, Jackson and Norman Moore.

Mrs. M. F. Seymour and baby, of Peterboro, are spending a few days at Mrs. David Wellman's.

Mr. Thomas Smith, of Sidney, has purchased a part of the home of Mrs. Watts and will move shortly.

Mr. J. S. Morton and Mr. T. C. MacConnell are attending Grand Orange Lodge at Cobourg.

Misses Gladys Burkitt and Marion Halliwell, who are attending college in Belleville, were home for Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jbs. Daniels and Miss Marion of Foxboro, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. Utman over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eggleton and little daughter, of Tweed, spent a few days recently with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Eggleton.

Mr. Thomas Montgomery has moved to town and will occupy part of Mrs. Elliott's house. We extend to him a hearty welcome.

Mr. William MacMullen, of the second of Sidney, has been spending a week with friends and relatives in Rawdon.

Mr. Thomas McCann, a former resident of River Valley, died at Woodstock on Sunday last. He was a brother of the late Wm. McCann of this village.

Mrs. Payne and son Beechy, of Indian Head, will arrive in Stirling on Saturday evening where they will remain for some time with Mrs. Payne's parents at the Rectory. The Rev. A. B. Payne, who is attending the G.W.V.A. convention in Montreal, will arrive later and will be special preacher at St. John's Church Easter Sunday.

Mrs. E. Reynolds, of Campbellford, received the Military Medal that was to be awarded to her late husband, James Reynolds, of Campbellford, for bravery on the field in September, 1918, who gave his young life for the cause of his country on October 28, 1918.

Mrs. Payne, an son, of Indian Head, are expected at the Rectory on Saturday of this week. The Rev.

A. B. Payne, who is a delegate to the G.W.V.A. which meets in Montreal, will, after the convention, join them and will be special minister at the service in St. John's Church on Easter Sunday.—Leader and News-Argus.

NAPANEE

Miss Bernadette Moran was taken to the Hotel Dieu, Kingston, on Thursday to undergo a serious operation.

Mrs. W. J. Campbell, of Hamilton, is spending a few days with Mrs. Templeton, Thomas street.

Miss Abbie Judson, nurse-in-training at Kingston General Hospital, is spending a few days in town with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Judson.

Mrs. W. H. Hunter and Miss Kathleen are spending a few weeks in Toronto.

Misses Edith and Frances Coleman spent the week-end with their aunt, Mrs. Alexander McPhail, Kingston.

Miss Helen McNeill is visiting her brother, Rev. J. E. McNeill, Paris, Ont.

Dr. G. H. Cowan was called to Guelph on Sunday, owing to the serious illness of his son, Aubrey, who has been sick for the past five weeks in the Guelph military hospital.

Miss Helen Davy was taken to the Kingston General Hospital on Sunday, where she underwent a successful operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Guess, Sydenham, have returned home after spending a few days at Mr. Fred S. Parrott's, Belleville.

Miss Constance Grange is spending a few days in Toronto with her sister, Mrs. Lalley.

Mrs. G. Grant, of Toronto, who came to Napanee to attend the funeral of the late Miss John Dollan, is the guest of Mrs. W. J. Dollan.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Howie, Bay View, Bath, drove out and took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brown, Hawley, on Tuesday last.

Mrs. Geo. W. Shibley, of Woodstock, is visiting at Mr. and Mrs. J. Bailey Ham's, Morven, and will also visit friends in Kingston before returning home.

Mrs. W. H. Vannest, of Enterprise, has returned home after spending a few days in Toronto attending the Temperance Convention of last week-end, and visiting her cousin, Rev. E. S. Smith, of Oakville, near Hamilton.

Mrs. Pearl Myers and little son Bert spent last week visiting her brother, Mr. J. W. Barragar, and other friends in Hamilton, and left Toronto Monday evening for Young, Sask., accompanied as far as Winnipeg by her brother, Mr. C. J. Barragar, of Napanee.

Mr. and Mrs. Overton Ball, Bath, Ont., announce the engagement of their daughter, Vera Eleanor, to Gordon Lester Young, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Young, Bath, the marriage to take place the latter end of March.—Beaver and Express.

MARMORA

Mrs. Geo. Dennis has been visiting in Renfrew and other eastern points for the past week.

Mrs. M. Crawford has returned from Toronto, where she attended the wholesale millinery openings.

Miss Laura Hargett, of Port Stewart, visited Mrs. Robt. Scott for a week and left yesterday for Renfrew.

Mr. John Gehan, who was very seriously ill with the "flu" and pneumonia, is able to be out again. Messrs. J. C. Bowen, Wm. Gray and others, who have been ill, are also around again.

Rev. E. A. Sanderson, of Madoc, an aged Methodist minister who has been superannuated for a considerable number of years, died last Saturday and was buried on Monday of this week.

Mr. H. R. Pearce is attending the annual convention of the Ontario Branch of the Great War Veterans' Association, which is in session in Peterboro this week. On Friday evening a banquet will be tendered to the delegates.

Mr. G. H. Gillespie, of Madoc, has been elected a director of the newly formed Ontario Mining Association, the object of which is to foster the development of the industry and to co-operate with the Mines Department of the Ontario and Federal Governments.

The Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario East, the Grand Black Chapter of the Royal Black Knights of Ireland, and the Ladies' Orange Lodge of Eastern Ontario, are holding their annual conventions in Cobourg this week and a very large number of delegates are in attendance. Mr. Thos. E. Potts, District Master, is a delegate from Marmora.—Herald.

U.S. House passed a bill permitting the Grain Corporation to sell 5,000,000 barrels of soft wheat flour on long term credits to Poland, Austria and Armenia.

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