

men, and would incite the General to pity and paternal sentiments. As soon as the General had started the pipe, the King of the Savages handed it to Capt. Carleton; and after the latter had also taken a few whiffs, the Indian chief, through the interpreter, asked the General who, after him, was the highest in rank in the company? Whereupon, the General pointed to Lieut.-Colonel Baum. Thereupon, the chief gave the pipe to his follower, who presented it first to Lieut.-Colonel Baum and then to all of us, to be smoked in turn. The interpreter told us that we must all take the pipe, at least into our mouths; for it was a sign of peace and friendship with this nation; and that they would consider it as a great insult should any of us refuse to accept it. Finally, after we all had smoked, the Indian chieftain handed the pipe to General Carleton as a token of the new bond of friendship, and then again addressed him as follows:—

“MY FATHER:

“The feathers on this pipe are not as white and clean as they ought to be; but it is not my fault. I gave to the Father of the Province, whom thou gavest us a few years ago, when I made a Treaty with him, a pipe, the feathers of which were as white as snow. But, upon my asking him, before my departure, to give it back to me in order to take it to the Father of the World, he gave me this one, which is not as white. It is, however, the same pipe I received from the Father of the Province; and although I am only a man who has nothing but his ears, yet thou mayest believe me when I say that I always tell the truth.”

This pipe was richly ornamented. The bowl was made of a black stone, which has greatly the appearance of serpent stone, and of which substance the Indians make their pipe-bowls. The stem was about one and a half yards long, and of wood bound around with the bristles of the porcupine. It was also decorated with long bird feathers of all colors which gave it more the appearance of a spread out peacock's tail than that of a pipe stem.