

Mr. ALLAN SALT having interpreted, the Chiefs were then severally called by name, and took their seats, to answer in the following order:

1. Chief JOSEPH SAWYER, of the River Credit.
2. " SHAHWUNDAIS, (Rev. JOHN SUNDAY) of Alderville.
3. " GEORGE PAHDAUSH, of Rice Lake.
4. " PETER NOOGIE, of Mud Lake.
5. " JACOB CRANE, of Skugog Lake.
6. " YELLOW HEAD, of Rama.
7. " JOHN AISAANS, of Beau-Soleil Island, formerly of Coldwater.
8. " JOSEPH SNAKE, of Snake Island.
9. " WAUBUTIK, of Owen's Sound.
10. The Mohawk Deputation, from the Bay of Quinté.
11. Chief NAANINGISHKUNC, a subordinate Chief of Rama.
12. " THOMAS AISAANS, a subordinate Chief of the River Severn, formerly of Coldwater.

Capt. ANDERSON here said, (Mr. ALLAN SALT interpreting) "each one will answer in his turn to this question." The Chiefs being all asked, in general, whether they understood the question: Chief WAUBUTIK was asked in particular, "do you understand the question?"—and he replied, "*Ahneesh, nene-setootum*:" "certainly, I understand."

All being now prepared, the several Chiefs delivered speeches in answer to the first question.

At noon, Chief JOSEPH SAWYER rose, and spoke as follows:

"My Chiefs, I have not much to say on this subject; what I have to say will be done in a very few words. I have seriously considered the matter brought before the Chiefs, and plainly see the propriety of receiving the advice proffered by our Fathers the Officers of the Government, who have treated us kindly ever since we had existence; and this I say with both my hands.

With regard to the removal of the Indians, I have been anxious to ascertain one point on that subject. If the Government would point out a tract of land that should be secured to the Indians and their posterity for ever, I and my people are ready to go and settle on such tract, so that I and my people, and our descendants, may always call that tract our own.

I have taken into consideration the state of the small Tribes of Indians scattered through the country, and as respects my own people, on my own tract of land at the Credit, I see that we shall never do well on so small a tract, hemmed round with white people, and that in the course of ten years we shall have scarcely any firewood to burn.

I think it will be proper for the young men to give up the former practice of hunting and carrying the gun; and I should prefer seeing them working in the fields, to seeing them pursuing the game; and for this reason, because I had come to these conclusions. I was very glad to hear the words which I heard yesterday; I quite coincide with the advice given to us by our Fathers.

I see that the white man obtains his wealth by industry; and from this I see, that in order that the Indian may attain to wealth, he must adopt the same course that the white man does; must lay aside indolence and a wandering