

John Monague addressed the meeting in Indian, which was translated by John Lake, as follows.—

“I was born on the banks of the Nottawa River. The first thing I can remember was seeing ships anchored at the mouth, but I am not positive whether they were sunk there or not. (This statement, uttered incidentally, corroborates that of Mr. Hunter.) I did not travel much when young, only round about my home. I once went up to Sault Ste. Marie. Then I made a trip to Toronto, where I saw people marching round with drums, and wondered what it all meant. The Indians there told me that there was a war or rebellion. When I was in Toronto the Government sent men to tell the Indians that everyone over 21 years was to turn out and help find Mackenzie. A reward of \$1,000 was offered to the person who brought in Mackenzie's head. Four or five of us then started out to hunt for him, but we did not know him, and could not have taken him. The Indians told us he had gone over the Big falls; that he had walked to the front in woman's dress, and so we missed him. The Indians were then told to go to a house beyond Holland Landing, towards Barrie, in which there were plenty of weapons left by the cavalry. When we got there the house had been burned down. Afterwards I and my tribe settled in Coldwater and remained there about twenty years. We then went to Beausoleil Island and stayed there about fifteen years. Captain Anderson was the agent then. He told me that he would try to lease a mill we had on the Island to George Copeland for twenty years and that we should go to another island. We then moved to Christian Island and Manitoulin, the greater number went to the latter place. When we were moving Chief Assance was drowned, and he was succeeded by his son, who has been chief ever since. After Anderson, Jarvis came. He always came in a big canoe. After business was over he made us have canoe races, men in one canoe, women in another. He used to steer for the women, who always won. On these occasions his hat would be beautifully decorated with ribbons. Jarvis gave blankets as prizes. I do not know whether they belonged to Jarvis or to the Government. I used to go with Jarvis to Manitoulin as his pilot.”

Mr. A. C. Osborne read a paper on “The Flight of the Hurons from Ste. Marie to Christian Island.”

The following resolution was carried on motion by Mr. Boyle, seconded by Dr. Ellis :—

“That in the opinion of the Canadian Institute it is desirable that steps should be taken to preserve as far as possible the ruins of the old forts on the Wye and Christian Island, and that with this object in view it would seem proper that the Institute should address the Provincial Government,