

Before our next issue two important events will have taken place on the Reserve, viz., the payment of the interest money and the Agricultural exhibition. With regard to the first it will probably be more welcome this year than usual owing to comparative failure of other resources of income usually depended upon. With regard to the latter, we hope that, notwithstanding that the past season in many particulars has not been up to that of former years, yet that there may be a good exhibit. The display of oats and roots will probably be very good, but of fruits and preserves we can hardly expect any. We understand that the Governor General will not be able to accept the invitation tendered to him to be present at this year's exhibition.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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Editor of the Indian Magazine :

SIR,—Kindly allow a warrior of the Six Nations Indians to say a few words in regard to the proposed improvement to the council House. Let me say first of all that I am glad there is such a magazine in which we can obtain much interesting information and in which a poor warrior may find a place to express his opinions and views of things where he would not otherwise have the opportunity of doing so. Now I want to say my opinion which is also the opinion of many others about the improvement to the Council House. It seems that a little while ago it was expected that the Governor-General was coming to visit us. So the chiefs say this is a great man. He represents the Queen. Our council house is not fit to receive him. So they decide to make a large ad-

dition to the council house which, in my opinion, is quite large enough for all practical purposes. If they would repair it and even veneer it with brick it would be right enough, but to take sixteen or eighteen hundred dollars of the poor people's money in making a large addition which is not needed is I think a waste of money. There are hundreds of poor people on our Reserve who cannot afford to give as they would be giving so much of their money which would do them no good whatever. This \$1,800 would mean \$5 less interest money to many poor families on the Reserve this year who cannot afford to give it. When some poor persons, perhaps down with consumption, who needs nourishing food or warmer clothing, applies for aid the council tells him they cannot give more than perhaps \$2, because they must be careful of the people's money. I wish, in everything they did, they were as careful of the people's money. However, let us hope that the council will consider this matter again. Let the Council House be put in good repair, but let no money be spent in putting up more buildings at the Council House which would do us no good.

Yours,

A SIX NATION WARRIOR.

To the Editor of the Indian Magazine;

In my previous letter I took the liberty of urging on your farmers the necessity of being careful of their fodder for the cattle, and pointed out that serious loss often occurred through lack of feed and good warm winter quarters. It is of great importance to them.

In the matter of hog raising your farmers are improving rapidly—many of them have as good hogs as can be desired. I notice that many of your farmers make a

specialty of raising pigs, which invariably sell at good prices while young, \$5 per pair being a common price for them when two months old. This branch of farming could be profitably increased three fold on the Reserve. A sow can raise two litters in a season as well as not. This matter requires only a little attention and judgment. The feeding and care of the pigs is perhaps of the most importance with your farmers. I have noticed that in the matter of housing they are badly cared for. They are put into small, dirty, cold pens, a hog likes a clean, warm, dry place as well as other animal, and only thrive well in such places. Pens should be made with good plank or hewn logs for floor; there should be a good dry roof, warm yet well ventilated, and plenty of straw should be given the pigs regularly, and the pens should be frequently cleaned out. It is a very great mistake to allow hens to roost in the same place you keep your pigs, the one injures the other.

Great waste of food often occurs for want of proper troughs, properly arranged, and very frequently sufficient straw is not given to keep them clean and warm. I have seen pigs in pens with dirt and manure a foot thick, without a dry or clean place for them to lie down and at the same time lots of straw going to waste in the yard. A few forks full of straw each day would keep the pig clean and dry, and aid very materially in getting them fat for killing. I would be very glad to see some improvement in caring for hogs, the care is of more importance than the breed. It would be only small expence and a few minutes labor each day, and the extra profit would make it a pleasant occupation.

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