

The Timiskaming people call themselves *Sagi'wax'icna'bi'* "Head-of-the-lake people," from their location and ancient village at the head of Lake Timiskaming. Some forty years ago there was a Hudson's Bay post there, and archaeological finds on the point at the hamlet of North Timiskaming indicate an aboriginal headquarters at the same place. The term Timiskaming itself, according to native testimony, is a corruption of Algonquin *Temia'gamin* "deep lake". The name of the present headquarters of the band is *Oba'djonasa'gin* "narrow current at mouth of river," which describes the topography of the village at North Timiskaming. Lake Timiskaming bears the name *Oba'djiwana'η sagahi'gan* "narrowed-current lake," referring chiefly to the topography at Ville Marie farther down the lake, where there was also an ancient native headquarters and later a Hudson's Bay post.

The Timiskaming Indians regard as belonging to their own dialectic and cultural group: the Lake Abitibi Indians, *Abi'tibi'anicna'bi* "Blue-water people"; the Grand Lake Victoria Indians, *Kotei'sa'gin ani'cna'bi* "Big-outlet people"; the Quinze Lake Indians, *Ki'no'ηgani'cna'bi* "Long-sand-point people"; the River Desert and Maniwaki Indians, *Tegazi'bi'η ani'cna'bi* "Hungry-river people"; the Mattawa Indians, *Matawasi'bi ani'cna'bi* "Mouth-of-river people"; and the various bands along the Ottawa river, known as *Ktei'si'bi ani'cna'bi* "Big-river people." This embraces practically the whole of the division classified as Algonquin. Most of these bands, it may be added, possess the same general distinctions in material culture, except that the more northerly bands, of whom the Timiskaming constitute one, had no agriculture, mat-covered wigwams, porcupine quill work, ash-splint basketry, and rush matting, as the necessary materials are absent in their latitude.

#### HUNTING TERRITORIES.

The social units composing the band are the families, which consist of individuals related by descent and blood together with other women married to the men of the family. These

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