

turned in the census of the Indian Department in four successive years, showing a progressive increase of 310.

1874	..	..	..	6,845
1875	..	..	..	6,893
1876	..	..	..	6,953
1877	..	..	..	7,155

In this statement are included different bands of the Iroquois on the Thames, the Grand River, the Bay of Quinte, and the St. Lawrence.

On the Grand River Indian reserves the evidences of civilisation are abundant in farm implements, stock, wagons, gigs or "buggies" and other carriages. Neatly-furnished houses also, with pianos, sewing machines, and other appliances of recent progress, no less markedly indicate rise in the social scale, and the growth of true domestic refinement.

The same is the case with the Mohawks on the Bay of Quinte. They are manifestly on the increase.

In 1874 they numbered 784

" 1875	"	"	804
" 1877	"	"	833

But at the same time it is to be noted that only two among the latter are recognised as of pure Indian blood. This admixture had begun before they left their native valley in the State of New York, and indeed had its commencement with their first contact with Europeans.

One interesting illustration of this is supplied by the history of *Stenah*, a Mohawk Indian's wife, the child of white parents, carried off by the Iroquois while still in the Mohawk Valley. She attained to nearly, if not quite, 100 years, knew no language but the Mohawk, and was a thorough Indian in sentiment and feeling. Her genealogical tree, drawn up for me by her grandson, showed a descent from her in all of 80, of whom 57 descendants survive, and 23 had then died. This suffices to illustrate the influence resulting from one source, familiar to border life, of the kidnapping of white children by the Indians; as well as from that other, already referred to, of adopting whites as members of the tribe.

The Hurons, who dwelt chiefly in the region along the great lake which still perpetuates their name, though among the most implacable enemies of the Iroquois, were of the same stock; and, like them, cultivated the maize and other agricultural products to an extent unknown among the ruder Algonquin tribes. The latter are distinguished from them by a radical difference of language; but common interests brought the Hurons into close alliance with them against their own Iroquois kindred.