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"We invited to dine with us the chiefs and their wives, in all six. After entertaining our guests with a microscope and some stereoscopic views, we closed with singing and prayers.

"Dec. 26th.—To-day being fine, the young men had a good game of football on the sand. After they had finished, the old men made sides, and seemed to enjoy the fun highly.

"A great many feasts of tea and bread are being given: by these feasts a friendly feeling amongst them is fostered."

At rare and uncertain intervals, the visits of a man-of-war, bringing some special visitor, caused a variation in the ordinary routine of the daily life. For instance, in 1867 the settlement was visited by the Governor of Victoria, an honour which was highly appreciated by the Indians. One or two extracts from the speeches made on the occasion of his reception will speak for themselves. Addressing the assembly as "Councillors, Constables, and Friends," Governor Seymour said—

"It gives me great pleasure to meet you for the first time in your own home, and to see the great progress in civilisation which you have made. Depend upon it, the arts and habits of the white men are good for the Indians also. As long as you continue doing well, you shall have the support and assistance of the Government.

"Continue to fear God, to obey the authorities, to abstain from liquor, to make roads and houses, to cultivate your gardens, and you will do well."

The following is an epitome of the speeches made by the Indians in reply to the Governor:—

PAUL LEGAIC.—"We have heard the good words of the great chief now sitting here with us. We are children, not yet strong or wise enough to guide ourselves. Let the chief speak to us, and tell us what we ought to do, and what we ought to avoid doing, and we will obey. We beg, we all beg one thing from the chief, that he will use his power to stop the Indian custom of giving away property, as that custom is the great barrier to all improvement among the Indian tribes. It is to support and carry on that custom that the Indians rush into every kind of vice. We therefore wish the Governor to stop it. If he says it is to stop, it will stop; if he will not forbid it, it will still go on."

PETER SIMPSON.—"The chief has heard from Paul what we all strongly beg for. We are anxious to see peace established around us. The chief has kindly promised to take care of us. As the bird watches over its eggs, so do you watch us. You are strong; we are weak; you exhort us to persevere in the way we are going. So long as God shall spare us we are resolved to follow in the track we are going. We