

felt its importance and would do every thing in their power to aid the Government in its plans.

With respect to this Council, let it be clearly understood, that I shall repeat to the Governor General every thing that has passed. He takes the deepest interest in the affairs of the Indians, and will lend every assistance in his power to aid their efforts at improvement, not only as to their temporal, but also, what is of far more inestimable importance, as to their religious condition, and to place them, in every way, on an equal footing with the other good subjects of Her Majesty the Queen.

In dismissing this Council, I wish to thank them for the kind attention with which they have listened to every thing that has been said.

The press of business having occasioned the deferring of the consideration of the Address of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinté, an answer was now agreed on, to be signed by all Chiefs who should be present when it should be prepared. It was accordingly drawn up and signed, in the following words, and was duly presented to the Mohawk Deputation by the REV. JOHN SUNDAY and other Chiefs.

TO THE MOHAWKS OF THE BAY OF QUINTÉ,

The Chiefs and Principal Men of the various Tribes assembled at the General Council at Orillia, being from River Credit, Owen's Sound, Snake Island, Scugog Lake, Alderville, Rice Lake and Mud Lake.

"BROTHERS,

We experienced great pleasure in receiving your kind salutation addressed to us on this interesting occasion, and in seeing among us your respected Delegates, Chief PAULUS CLAUS, Catechist JOHN HILL and Warrior SETH POWLES. In bidding them farewell, we make them the bearers of our thanks for your kind remembrance of us and of a few words expressive of our own feelings.

Brothers—Your representatives have well sustained your high character for Christian civilisation, and we have received material assistance from them in our deliberations.

Brothers—We heartily concur in the sentiments which you express on the subject of the great change in the condition of the Red Man effected by the Gospel. We duly appreciate the benevolence which now invites us to receive still greater benefits, following up a long series of kindness, from which we ourselves are to reap solid advantages and which will place our children on the only permanent foundation for complete civilisation and progressive improvement; we therefore unite with you in calling the hunter home; we place in his hands the plough, the hoe, the scythe; we will henceforth respond to the feelings of our White Brethren and rejoice to see the forest fall before the untiring axe, that the wilderness may blossom as the rose.

We too, Brethren, feelingly acknowledge the advantages already conferred upon us, even by the more limited opportunities which we have hitherto enjoyed.

Brothers—We assure you we are deeply sensible, that the present plans of the Government, in making provision for the instruction of our youth in agri-