

EPITOME OF CHIEF NELLES MONTURE'S SPEECH.

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MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I did not expect to be asked to speak here, but I am sure I feel honored in addressing this meeting, the first of the kind ever held in Canada, or, perhaps, in the world. As Indians, we are proud to belong to the Six Nations, a confederation that has always been loyal to the British crown, under which we have enjoyed so many privileges. Our affairs have been well managed by the Government, and our condition on this Reserve is steadily improving. Our Superintendent performs his duty well. This office, as you know, has always been held by a white man, but, while we acknowledge that there was a time when the appointment of a white man was necessary, we now think that among ourselves, and of our own blood, there are men capable of filling the position with credit and dignity. As a Delaware, I welcome the white brothers and sisters to Ohsweken and to our Council House. I trust your Council fires will burn brightly, and that you will return to Toronto and other places satisfied with your visit. Once more I welcome you in the name of my people.

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