

welcome to his great wigwam where he entertained them right royally.

In former days, water covered the whole of the Annapolis valley. Glooscap cut out a passage at Cape Split and at Annapolis Gut, and thus drained the lake; long after this the valley became dry land. Aylesford Bay was a vast lake; and in this lake there was a beaver-house; it is now called by the Indians Cobeetek (the beaver's home); from here Glooscap drove a beaver down to Bras d'Or Lake in Cape Breton—pursuing it in his canoe all the way. There it ran into another beaver-house, where it was killed, and the house turned into an island; here Glooscap feasted the Indians.

In cutting open a beaver dam at Cape Chignecto, a small portion of the earth floated away; and Glooscap changed it into a moose and set his dogs on it. The moose took to the bay and made off, whereupon Glooscap turned him back, and caused him to become an island—the Isle of Holt. He changed the dogs into rocks, which may be seen to this day, resting on their haunches, with their tongues out of their mouths; the place is called Ooteel, (his dogs). Spencer's Island was his stew-kettle, which he turned upside down. When indignant at the English he suddenly departed from the peninsula, on the back of a whale as one of the Micmac legends records. Tradition asserts he will return again, when his kettle will assume its original form, his petrified dogs, spring into life, and his unbounded hospitality be again dispensed.

There are myths of the creation, the flood, and other biblical stories told from day to day in the camps of the Indian. The Micmac legend of the creation of the world is slightly different from the other Indian tribes, but is substantially the same. They believed that at first the globe was one vast and entire ocean, inhabited by no creature, except a mighty bird, whose eyes were fire and whose