

As in Latin there is no Article, and the use of the English Preposition is superseded largely by the case-ending. There is no Copula Verb in Micmac, its place being supplied by what may be called the verbal inflection, or by placing two or more substantives or pronouns in apposition,—thus, besides saying *tcēnumooē*, 'I am a man,' I may say *nēn tcēnum*, 'I man'; while if I say *kēl moōdin*, I might either imply that you belong to the bear totem or clan, or that you are yourself transformed into a bear. There is a verb of place *āūm*, meaning 'I am there,' which Dr. Rand compares phonetically with the Greek copula *εἰμι* and the English 'am,' though it is never a copula as used by the Micmacs.

Nouns.

Nouns, the names of things, or rather 'words that are the names of things' are of the three classes, as with us, though Proper Nouns are yet compound phrases conveying a definite meaning. People were known by distinguishing nicknames, and places by some peculiarity of feature, or historical association, as *Segubun-ākadē*, and *Siklāwēak*, which are still known as Shubenacadie and Stewiack, and preserve for the Micmacs the idea of 'the place of the *segubun*,' a native potato or ground-nut, and 'the river oozing slowly out from dead water;' the name of Sackville, N. S., preserves the memory of a deadly scourge of measles (*aloosool*) that decimated the families at the "measly-place" a short time before the pale-face came, if tradition may be trusted. There is often richest poetic imagery in these proper names, as in *Epāgwit*, which means 'at rest on the sea, moored alongside,' or 'cradled in the arms of the encircling shore,' and beautifully describes Prince Edward Island. *Megamagee*, the ancient name for the Maritime Provinces, means 'the home of the true men,' the Micmacs. One illustration of a double nickname is that of the old warrior *Kāklōogoo*, the thunderer, who took as his dignified name after the coming of the French, *Tonāle*, an attempt to pronounce their word *tonnere*, the French translation of his sonorous name. The French word *Roisseau* is on the other hand the original surname of the large Micmac Brooks connection in Nova Scotia, they being descended from a French man-