

ALGONKINS—OJIBWAYS, CHIP- PEWAS, SAULTEAUX

These people were at the time of their greatest strength the largest single tribe of Indians north of Mexico. They were found on the north shores of Lakes Superior and Huron, extending north to the country bordering on Hudson and James Bays, and also to the south shore of Lake Superior. The Iroquois on their victorious march made inroads into their country, and here, after a series of fierce conflicts, at last received a check and were driven out of the country. The Ojibways then stretched from Georgian Bay through different parts of Western Ontario. In the height of their power the social condition and polity of the tribe had reached a high point, as is indicated by Schoolcraft in his account of the rights of Kagageshkoda, an institution for preserving an eternal fire. Their Council House and seat of the eternal fire was on the south side of Lake Superior. Their fierce wars with the Iroquois, Sioux and other tribes, and with Europeans, have been described by Parkman and other writers. There were several branches of this tribe, as the Ottawas, Potawatomes and Nipissings.* They have always been expert canoeists, shooting the most dangerous rapids, and they had no fear of the Great Lakes. To the north of Lake Superior they still lead the life as of old, in birch bark lodges and use the birch bark canoes, supporting themselves by the hunt and trading with the fur companies. Their hunting ground is rich in fur-bearing animals, although on rare occasions when game gives out they are forced to cannibalism. It is, however, held in abhorrence by the tribe. The writer accompanied Treaty Commission No. 9 to the James Bay District in 1906, and remained amongst the Ojibways painting portraits of the best types to be found.

Vide: Sir John Richardson—Arctic Searching Expedition. Journal of Alexander Henry, the elder. Ontario Archaeological Report, 1905.

- 1 **THE WIND BLOWS FINE, MINAWASION.**
- 2 **CHANGEABLE WEATHER, QUAQUAGIJICK, CREEK,**
 OSEBINS—A great hunter.
- 3 **LONG PETER, PETER MITGONABIE—Voyageur.**
- 4 **PLEASANT TIME ON EARTH, MENWEKAMEGEMEANANG.**