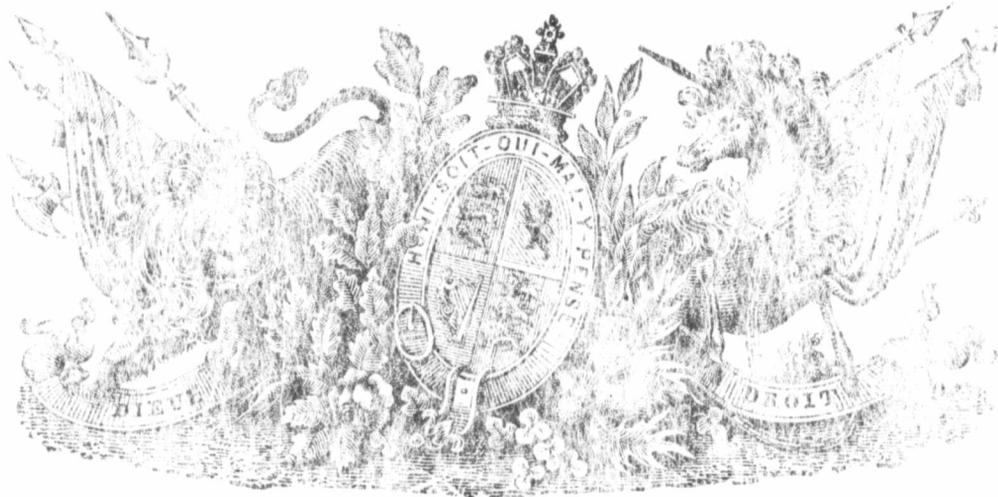


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Our Magazine for this month is later than usual, owing to the fact that on account of the wishes of our subscribers it will be issued now and in the future as soon as possible after the monthly meeting of the council, i.e., as soon as possible after the first Tuesday in the month.

At the meeting of the S. N. A. Society a very favorable report was shown. After paying expenses, there remains a balance on hand of \$200. T. Green was elected President and G. Powless secretary for the ensuing year.

Now that the pathmasters have been appointed, as will be seen in our "Council Notes," we would like to say a few words about our roads. A season like the one we are now experiencing, impresses upon us the great value of good roads. Plenty of snow makes all roads equal, but a season of alternating rain and frost makes us feel the immense advantage of the gravel or stone road. Oh, the relief we feel when we reach the gravel. The question that arises in our mind is, can nothing be done to further improve our roads. Most of our roads are now pretty well ditched on each side, and though no doubt to a certain extent the deeper the ditch and the higher the road, the quicker it will dry; still there is not much to be gained by putting clay upon the top of clay. But what can be done in the matter? We have no gravel beds conveniently situated, and the river gravel is not good for roads, it is true, though we believe it is infinitely better than nothing; but at one end of the Reserve, viz., the west end, we have a quarry, from which what is called the "shale" is said to be equal, if not superior to gravel as a road-making material. Why should it not be utilized, at any rate, in the portion of the Reserve adjacent to it. Again it is a question whether, in the absence of gravel, sand might not be used to advantage in the roads.

We have met with some who say that it is of no use, but on the other hand, some declare that, though a very poor substitute for gravel, yet it does greatly improve the condition of the roads especially in such a season as the present one, making the clay more pliable and more easily worn down. No doubt, to be of any great use, it would require to be frequently put on. But as there are plenty of sand beds scattered all over the reserve, the drawing of the sand would not be a great obstacle in the way. It would be, at any rate, worth while to make the experiment, if only on a small portion of our roads; and if the result warranted it, operations on a larger scale might be made another year. We commend this suggestion to the consideration of our worthy pathmasters. With regard to the matter of drawing material, we believe that it is the practice in some of our adjacent townships to allow those who will do so to work their time in drawing gravel in the winter, two or three days in the winter being reckoned equal to one in the spring. Many a farmer would gladly give three or even more days in winter against one in the spring. The material could be thus drawn to the side of the road in winter, ready to be put on the road in the spring. We need not say anything on the great advantage of a good road, especially in the fall and winter seasons, when most of the teaming is done. Bad roads mean small loads, and consequently more frequent journeys, broken wheels and axles, used up horses and vehicles—loss every way. Surely everything that can be done to improve our roads should be done.

We have been given to understand that a school of telegraphy is about to be opened (in Oshweken).

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by Mr. Miller, brother of Mr. J. Miller, the well known store keeper in that village. We hope to be able to give more particulars concerning it in our next issue.

We notice that a change has been made in the representatives of the Council in the Six Nations' School Board. Two of the former members, viz, Chiefs Ben Carpenter and Nelles Monture retiring, their places being filled by Chiefs W. Smith and J. Johnson. Chief Joab Martin continues a member. The retiring members have been faithful and interested members of the Board. We are, however, glad to see their positions have been filled by two of our most able chiefs. The education of the youth of our reserve is a matter which calls for the utmost care and attention on the part of those who wish well for the future of our people.

The semi-annual convention of the Sunday School Association of the Grand River Reservation was held in the Methodist Church, New Credit, on January 10th, Chief J. Johnson, President of the Convention, in the chair. In spite of the bad condition of the roads there was a good attendance. The programme was an interesting one, and the convention a success. The annual meeting will be held in the summer at Oshweken.

COUNCIL NOTES.

Oshweken Council House,
January 2nd, 1894.

General Council opened in due form by Chief Wm. Buck, one of the fire keepers. Present E. D. Cameron, Esq., Visiting Supt; Wm. Reep, Esq., Gov. Interpreter, and 49 chiefs.

The Council congratulated the Visiting Supt. upon the occasion of the first council meeting in 1894, and the Visiting Supt. replied in his usual cheerful manner and in

fitting terms, and closed with a wish that the chiefs had a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. Report from the coroner was made by the Visiting Supt respecting the sad accident at the Mohawk Institute in drowning Andrew Silver on the morning of the 27th ult.

Communications from the Dept. of Indian Affairs were read by the Visiting Supt.

Will of the late John VanEvery was read and confirmed.

The Committee on Disputes was appointed by the Council, viz, Joab Martin, George Key, Joseph Porter, jr., Joseph Porter, Sr., Joseph Henry, Joseph Green and Benjamin Carpenter, clerk.

Investigation into the estate of the late Moses Carpenter was postponed until the first Tuesday of next month.

Investigation of Mrs. S. Scott's claim on the southwest quarter of the south half of lot 1, con. 3, Tus. The council decided that ex-chief Joseph Johnson shall pay Mrs. L. Scott one year from date, at a fair valuation, as shall be determined by the following committee, viz, Isaac Davis, Levi Jonathan and Wm. Wage. If he fails to pay her when the time expires, then Mrs. Scott shall be restored to her property.

The funeral accounts for the quarter ending 31st of Dec. passed. Relief order accounts for the quarter ending 31st of Dec. passed. Chief J. S. Johnson's account, sundries, passed.

The account of Chief Richard Hill for lathing, plastering, patching, etc., passed.

The council decided to appoint Nelson Moses guardian for Mrs. Widow Moses.

Physician's report for the quarter ending 31st of Dec., adopted.

The chiefs refused to place Margaret Thomas on the pension list.

The council decided to return

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the pension cheque in favor of Mrs. Aaron Claus, who died this morning, and have it changed into her husband's name.

The council failed to grant a loan to John C. Croelius.

The following pathmasters were appointed for the current year:—

Isaac Davis, Onondaga township; Abram Maracle, Erastus Bennett, James Green, George D. Styres, Peter John, Wm. House, Simon Bamberly, Wm. Loft, Michael Smoke, David Hill, Peter Isaac, Wm. Claus, David S. Hill, Abram Lickers, Isaac Joh Hill, Robert David, Scobie Latham, Abram D. Green, Elliott Obadiah, George S. Johnson, John Jamieson, Sr., Samuel Hill, George W. Hill, Moses Turkey, John Jamieson, Sr., Alexander Anthony, Adam Thomas, William John, William Thomas, Aaron S. Hill, Alexander General, Tuscarora township; George Longboat, John Hutt, Joseph Johnson, Michael Anthony, Wm. H. Johnson, Onaida; Richard Hill, Oshweken village; Nell's Monture, Isaac C. Hill, Isaiah Williams, Lawrence Davis, Charles Bearfoot, Tuscarora township.

The Visiting Supt. announced that the pathmasters must do some work on the side lines.

The council then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Oshweken Council House,
Jan. 3rd, 1894

Adjourned council re-opened by Chief Wm. Buck, one of the fire keepers, and resumed business.

The council failed to grant the ten dollars towards an Xmas tree, as they have already expended a large sum of money in repairing the school house and purchasing new school desks.

The council voted \$2 to Eve Nash, who is old and sick, also \$2 to Ellen Hill Jacket, who is sick with cancer, and in want.

The council decided to authorize Dr. Langrill to place Nelson Hess at Hamilton hospital for three or four months, who is said to have a bad leg and could not be treated at home.

Mrs. Seth Johnson applying that her husband may be placed on the pension list, referred to the doctor for report.

Dispute on the north half of lot 19, con. 2, Tus., postponed.

The council decided to restore James Dick on the pay list of the Six Nations, who went away with Mr. Jacob's party to Kansas some 12 years ago, and has returned.

The council appointed Chiefs Joab Martin, Wm. Smith and J. S. Johnson S.N.S.B. members for the current year.

The council decided to pass the account of traveling expenses of the Inspector for Works for the quarter ending 31st of Dec., 1893.

The council decided to pass the accounts of the locating line committee and fence viewers, viz., A.E. Hill and A. H. Lotridge.

The council adjourned until Friday next, at 10 o'clock a.m., the Visiting Supt. or Chief A. G. Smith to be present with communications from the Dept. of Indian Affairs respecting the grist and saw mills.

Oshweken Council House,
Jan. 5th, 1894

Adjourned council from last Wednesday again opened in due form by acting Chief and fire keeper John John, and the council resumed business.

Report of Committee on Disputes: Re dispute between George Carryer and George Laughlin on the south-west part of the north half of lot No. 5, con. 2, Tuscarora, and after a long discussion among the chiefs the council refused to confirm the report of the committee. The matter is therefore postponed until the first Tuesday in February next, when it is to be expected that either the will or quit claim deed of late Jacob Thomas

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will be laid before the council. If
not then, the council will take the
matter up again and dispose of it
according to the Indian Act.

The council confirmed the de-
cision of the committee as follows :
That Mrs. Joseph Obe shall be re-
stored to the south half of the north
half of lot 29, con. 3, Tus., on the
grounds that Mrs. M. Doxdater
refuses to pay up the balance due
to Mrs. Joseph Obe, and that she
never gave a quit claim deed to the
said Mrs. Doxdater.

The question of grist and saw
mills is further postponed.

The council then adjourned un-
til the first Tuesday in May
next at 10 o'clock a.m.

FARM NOTES.

NEAT FENCES.

The farmer who takes proper
pride in his farm always feels a
pleasant satisfaction in knowing
that his fences are what they ought
to be. The farm always looks
better with good fences. Though
you may impound cattle that break
through your lawful fences, still it
is much better, and saves trouble,
annoyances and bad feeling to
make your fences better and higher
than the law calls for. A tumble
down fence has a tendency to pre-
judice a stranger against a place,
when the owner should get the
blame.

Good gates and bars, with good
fastenings that can be depended on
to do the work required of them,
are adjuncts of every well regulated
farm.

CATTLE AND HORSES.

Should not be allowed to go on the
wheat fields, especially when the
ground is soft, as it is when the
frost is out of it. Many of our
Indian farmers are not careful
enough in this matter, but from
the want of the fences and bars and
gates being attended to, allow these
animals to get on the wheat fields.
If they do get on the fields, drive

them off quietly ; don't chase them
or set the dog on them, or they will
run all over the field before you get
them out. The same may be said
of meadows. You can't have a full
crop of hay in haying time if you
allow your cows and horses to be
in the meadow late in the fall and
in the early spring. When the fall
rains come shut the gate, lock it or
nail it up—do anything to keep the
animals out until the following
June.

Our people do not divide their
farms up into fields as they should
do. It is an uncommon sight to
see 30 or 40 acres all in one field
on the Reserve. When a crop is
taken off one field cattle cannot be
turned into it, so good pasturage
is lost. It is much better to have
the farm cut up into ten acre fields,
or even smaller, as cultivation can
be better done. Again, if a breachy
animal gets into one field, he is
bound to go into every field before
he is put out. Of course there is
the question of the expense of fencing,
which is a consideration for
our people. But when it can be
done, the advantage is very great
indeed.

SHORT FURROWS.

Good and beautiful children don't
grow, as a rule, in loveless homes.

The prettiest adornment of a
farm is a house full of lovely chil-
dren.

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hold utensils are first-rate family
peacemakers.

The gossip resembles the bee in
that he or she is always busy, and
carries a sting in his or her tale.

Don't boast of your bins full of
grain or a yard full of cattle, horses
and pigs, or even a large bank ac-
count, while your wife still breaks
her back over an old-fashioned
washboard.

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udder in a milch cow; they are bad
points.

If you want the straw stack to
benefit the cow, put some of it
under her for bedding.

Hay, green in color (clover), and
sweet in taste, is the only quality
fitted for a cow giving milk to eat.

Beauty or color does not make
the worth of the cow, but the
amount of milk she yields and its
quality measure her value.

Do not kick the cow because you
are angry; go and kick the barn
door or the milking stool instead,
until you recover your senses. A
few lessons will break you of the
kicking habit.

The white specks in butter are
small bits of curd or partly made
cheese, and is produced by having
the milk in uncovered, shallow
pans and set where a current of air
passes over it and the cream is al-
lowed to get too warm. Use deep
pans. Keep them covered if you
can, and away from a current of
air, such as a window or by a door,
and don't let the cream get warmer
than 70 degrees.

HORSES.

PINK EYE.

This disease is not an epidemic
now as it was a few years ago, but
isolated cases might now and again
break out amongst our horses, and
it is well to know what to do when
necessary. The disease may be
known by the following symptoms:
fever, loss of appetite, weakness,
cough, discharge from the nose and
eyes, with redness of the mucous
membranes—the lining of the eye
—(hence the name) and the nose,
quick pulse, but feeble heart and
general nervous prostration in a
degree according to the intensity
of the disease. If there is no epi-
demic it frequently is caused by
filthy stables, bad ventilation, an
accumulation of ammoniacal and
other irritating gases, producing ir-
ritation of the respiratory mucous

membranes, rendering the animals
susceptible to the disease.

Young horses seem to be more
liable to influenza, although old,
overworked, neglected or abused
horses, when in a debilitated state,
are liable to severe and fatal at-
tacks. In mild cases the horses
attacked will for a few days be dull,
spiritless, sweat easily, and have a
scanty flow of thick, strong-smell-
ing urine (water). In severe cases
all the symptoms will be aggravat-
ed and intensified. Treat the horse
as follows:—Make balls, or get the
chemist to do it for you, with car-
bonate of ammonia and powered
gentian, of each two ounces, linseed
meal and molasses, of each suffi-
cient to make eight balls, one of
which may be given two or even
three times a day, according to the
debility of the horse. These direc-
tions, with frequent cleaning and
daily grooming, rubbing down the
limbs with the hands night and
morning, will generally effect a cure
in a few days. Then only gentle
exercise should be given to the
horse for a week or two, with pro-
per protection against cold air and
rain. Kind nursing and judicious
management will always save a
horse, whereas, though a simple
matter, pink eye may prove fatal
from neglect.

ELEPHANTIASIS—BIG LEG.

Known by the following names in
different localities:—"Lymphan-
gitis," "weed," "thick leg," "shot
or grease," "Monday morning,"
and "Holiday disease." In mild
cases and in the early stages of the
disease the swelling goes down
with exercise, and is easily cured
if attended to properly, but if ne-
glected the thickening tissues of
the leg, including the lym-
phatic vessels, go on thicken-
ing by a long continued inflam-
mation. This ultimately termin-
ates in the enormous and perman-
ent thickening, and about the
ankles bands of tissue and folds of
skin assume an appearance of an

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infectious abscess. But to open this abscess only adds to the malformation. Unless the doctor actually finds pus there it should not be opened. The causes are errors of diet, idleness after long, severe and heavy work, by which means the system is deranged, resulting in extreme swelling of one hind leg or of one fore leg, which, however, is extremely rare, causing so much stiffness and weight as to greatly interfere with motion. The treatment early in the case should be from two to six drachms of aloes, one ounce of glycerine and a drachm of powdered ginger made fluid by rubbing up with molasses. The leg should be thoroughly sponged with hot soap-suds every night and morning, and bandaged with flannel bandages in the stable. This generally results in a cure in the first stages, but in the old and chronic case there is no cure, and only relief for a time can be expected. Neglect to cleanse and remove the fever and swelling at the outset produces the trouble and removes the possibility of a cure.

January Happenings.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Six Nation Temperance Society No. 4 held their quarterly election of officers on Jan. 12th, 1894, who are as follows:—Pres., J. W. Jones; Vice-Pres., J. Martin; Treas., E. Bearfoot; Secy., H. P. Green; Committeemen, Foreman J. Chas., J. M. Rick, J. E. Hill, N. Monture, and N. Moses; Door-keeper, D. Sero; S. K. Committee, J. Monture and Mrs. D. Sero.

NATIVE TALENT.

Many districts in the Reserves can boast of possessing a local native talent. We are of the opinion that our local native talent, familiarly known as A Sott's Choir, can hold their own with any other in the Reserve. Give them a hearing and you will be satisfied we are right.

The Church of England Sunday School held their annual anniversary and Christmas treat in the Council House Jan. 3rd. The Rev. T. L. Strong presided. The hall was completely filled with the children and their friends. The usual tree, which bears its seasonal's fruit of presents and candies was there in all its beauty in the children's eyes. An interesting programme was gone through, of songs and recitations, by the children and speeches by friends. The superintendent, Chief J. Johnson gave a very satisfactory report of the state of the school, the attendance being better than at any other portion of its history.

St. Paul's Sunday School, Kanyegoh, held their annual Christmas tree in the church on Thursday Jan. 4th. The bad state of the roads prevented the attendance from being as large as usual. A number of Xmas carols were sung by the choir and school children, and gave evidence of careful training, and were much appreciated by those present. The singing was interspersed with speeches by the rector, the Rev. T. L. Strong, Chief A. G. Smith, Jacob Martin, E. D. Johnson, Elijah Powless. The Christmas tree, with its numerous presents next claimed attention, and after the distribution of the presents a very pleasant evening's proceedings were brought to a close.

The Church of England Sunday School at Smith's corners held their first Christmas tree entertainment at No. 3 school house on Friday, Jan. 12th. Rev. T. L. Strong in the chair. This Sunday school has been in existence about one year. The condition of the school, as given by the superintendent, Mr. Elijah Powless, showed a very satisfactory state of affairs. A very enjoyable programme, consisting of singing and recitations was gone through with. The tree was then despoiled of its strange and wonderful fruit, and after a slight refreshment to fortify the travelers on their homeward journey, the large company dispersed, well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

The members and friends of the Tascara Baptist church, Oshweken, held their anniversary and Christmas tree on the 9th instant. It was postponed from the 27th of December on account of bad roads and high water. The friends from Brantford were present as usual. The number was not quite up to other years when roads were good, it is rather sad to note here that the party had a breakdown about half way between Brantford and Oshweken, and they had to walk about five miles before they reached the village of Oshweken. After dinner, however, which was amply provided for in the Council House, the party felt refreshed and all right. Then they proceeded on their journey to the church, where the speeches were delivered. Rev. John Tennant made a few short opening remarks, and was followed by Rev. Mr. Walker, of Grand River mission, Rev. Mr. Hutchinson, of Park Baptist church, Brantford, and J. S. Johnson, President of the Tascara Sunday school convention. At the close of his speech he proceeded to present an address from the Elders to Mr. Foster, a copy of which is herewith attached. Mr. Foster, in his usual happy and cheerful way, replied to the address in most fitting and instructive terms. He referred briefly to the walk he and his party had, but after all he believes that the walk did them good, for it gave them good appetites. Shortly after the hackman arrived, and the friends from Brantford retired from the meeting and returned home. Mr. Tennant also retired, and drove back to Brantford to get Mr. Frank Foster down to the Sunday School convention at New Credit mission church the following day. Before going, however, he got Chief

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Moses Hill to take his place as chairman, and the meeting proceeded. Speeches were made by Mr. John F. Martin, Chief Josiah Hill and Dr. Philip Johnson, of Lewiston reservation, N.Y. The doctor's address was delivered in a pleasing manner in English. The music was amply provided for by two choirs, who acquitted themselves in good style. Mrs. Ida F. Hill was organist and leader of one choir and Miss A. M. Hill the other. Then the children were cheered by the distribution of nice presents, after which the meeting was closed by singing and the benediction.

Oshweken, January 9th, 1894.
George Foster, Esq. :

We, the undersigned, together with many Indian brethren, would avail ourselves of this joyous occasion to approach you with this short address, in which we desire to give expression to our feelings of respect and affection toward you.

For the last thirty years you have shown by your many acts of kindness the deep interest you take in our race, not only in our temporal affairs, but particularly in our spiritual welfare, and we would not forget that it was mainly through your instrumentality that we enjoy the earnest labors of a missionary in our midst, who is respected and loved by many of us. We feel that what you have done in the past you have been actuated by the highest and best of motives, that is love to God. And although there has been little or no recognition of your noble and kindly acts, yet they have been continued for these many years without a murmur or without being discouraged. It is therefore for these reasons we claim you as the Indians' friend, and we cannot but hope and trust that there is an hour coming when it will be seen that your interest in us has not been in vain.

We would now beg your acceptance of this small token of affection and regard, praying that God's blessing may ever rest upon you and Mrs. Foster, together with your family. We are respectfully,

[Signed by]
Chief David Hill, Seneca; Chief Jacob S. Johnson, Mr. Isaac John Hill, Chief Josiah Hill, Mr. John F. Martin, Chief Moses Hill, Chief Richard Hill, Chief Joseph Green, Mr. Alexander Sherry, Mr. David S. Hill, A. E. Hill, Enoch Hill, David Hill.

The anniversary and Christmas tree took place in the council house, Oshweken, on Tuesday evening, 16th inst., under the auspices of the Six Nations school, known as Thomas's. The council house was full of chiefs, spectators and school children. The main object of getting up a Christmas tree every year is to give presents to the children attending the school, according to merit, which the council believe is a good policy to induce and encourage the Indian children to attend school and to like it. The presents were considered very nice, and most of them useful articles. They were purchased from one of the old friends of the city of Brantford. The trustees struck a good bargain with him, besides nice and valuable presents kindly thrown in. Everybody was saying that great credit

was due to the trustees and the school teachers for the grand success during the entertainment. Everything went off O. K. Chief Josiah Hill, one of the trustees, was chosen to take the chair and conduct the meeting. It was opened by singing an Indian hymn and prayer by Chief David Thomas. The programme consisted of speeches by Chief Peter Powless, Mr. A. H. Lorrigge, David S. Hill, Dr. Philip Johnson, of Lewiston, N.Y., reading by Miss Amelia M. Hill, reading by John W. M. Elliott, speech by Chief Joab Martin, member of S.N.S.B., reading by Mr. John Miller, school teacher, speech by Chief Moses Hill, reading by Sam. R. Hill. Before the distribution of presents the chairman made a few closing remarks upon the work of the school, and briefly referred to its past difficulties and the happy results of the faithful work of the trustees and the council in accomplishing a long desired object, i.e., a comfortable school house, and was glad to say before the audience that in a few days more they should have proper school desks from the town of Preston. The meeting enjoyed splendid music between speakers. Mrs. R. Hill was the organist and leader. Dr. Johnson and Alexander Garlow, of Lewiston, N.Y., again rendered great assistance to the choir. The meeting was closed by singing an Indian hymn and benediction.

Oshweken, Jan. 17th, 1894.

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OUR MAGAZINE.

The introduction of *The Indian Magazine* is undoubtedly a great step towards the advancement of our people. It should find its way into all our homes; it should induce our people, especially the young, to read more, and to take every possible advantage to educate themselves through the press, and to be familiar with things going on outside of us in general. I think anyone who is so blest as to be able to read ought not to ignore such a great blessing. If one or two hours were devoted of an evening in family circles to reading instead of indulging in worthless conversation, we would become a more sociable, more amiable, more intelligent and more contented people. I know that all our leading farmers are able to read with comprehension. I would say to them if they would take some farm journal and read it carefully, it would be to their advantage. Do we not know men, both Indians and whites, who toil from daylight to dark, and yet they do not seem to accumulate wealth very rapidly. We cannot account for it in any other way than that they were all the while working to disadvantage, and by not informing themselves as to how best expend their money and labor so as to bring out better results and more profit. Education is very light, and can be carried about without being a burden to the possessor. If your education is compressed to a very small limit like mine, we can improve our

imited education, enlarge and develop our thinking capacities by reading good books and periodicals. Let us ever remember the words of the noble poet, "There's no royal road to learning."

CONTRACTS.

The remark has been frequently made in my hearing, with regard to tenders for contracts, "It is not of much use for anyone to tender unless he is a chief." Now, if any such impression should be abroad, it is a pity, and pains should be taken to remove it. It is true that most of the successful tenders this year have been made by chiefs; but surely the reason of that must be because other men do not avail themselves of the opportunity. I know that it is the general custom in councils and such like bodies that contracts are let to non officials or those who are not members of the board. In the case of the Six Nations' council, composed as it is of so many members, such a rule would no doubt exclude many of our best mechanics and contractors. But I would like to see some more of our enterprising young men tendering for and securing some of these contracts, as it would encourage them to advance; and it would be a great mistake if the idea should get abroad that to secure a contract it is almost necessary to be a member of the council.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Somehow or other I have been very fortunate indeed to be permitted to be present at several Christmas tree entertainments. Without any hesitation I can pronounce them in advance of late years. In all probability we owe it to a change in the general programme from speaking to that of readings, recitations and dialogues, which makes it as instructive and more enjoyable. It was very amusing to see and hear the little children attending board school No. 5 give their readings, recitations, dialogues and singing, more so when we feel assured there is ability in the rising generation if proper care and interest are taken in the children. Much credit is due to all who so valiantly worked to make these Christmas trees a success.

PEEK-A-BOO.

Oneida.

Christmas trees have been the go all over the Reserve during the Christmas and New Years season, and this section was in the procession—at the tail end, I believe. This tree was held in the church on Wednesday evening, January 14th. The tree looked beautiful, decorated as it was with the usual fruit that makes the little ones' hearts jump and their eyes twinkle with pleasure. Books, toys, mufflers, caps, hats, etc., besides the sweets, hung in profusion, and when the candles were lighted the tree was a pretty sight to the little folks. Speeches of course had to be made after the proceeding had been opened with a service of song by the missionary, sacred songs sung by the missionary and his two boys. The distribution was of course the feature in the proceedings. Not only were the

children of the Sunday school remembered, but the pagan children who were present were not omitted. Then refreshments were served out in baskets to every man, woman and child present by Mr. G. R. Loft and his band of workers. After many words of good cheer and sound advice and good singing, both in English and Mohawk, the meeting was dismissed with the benediction.

Mr. Harry Loft has left us again and gone to Boston, the city of culture, to titillate the hearts of the Bostonians with the music of his violin. More power to your elbow, Harry.

La grippe has taken his departure, but measles is now the cry around here. There are a number of cases some of a serious character. If parents would only look after the little ones when afflicted with this disease, and rigidly keep them in bed or within doors for a short time, there need be no serious consequences, as the disease in itself is harmless though annoying.

Mud and rain, alternating with frost, are still the order of the day here.

A number of our people here are still in the habit of imbibing the strong water when they go down to Caledonia, and the hotel keepers of that burg are so deficient in humane feelings, and their souls so infinitely small, and their greed for money so large that for the sake of getting the Indian's last five cent piece they will give him the liquor if he were to drop on the roadside and perish from exposure that night. It is true no Indian has been found in that condition near the village, but there are many whose deaths are without the shadow of a doubt attributable to having been exposed after drinking in Caledonia. There is one about to be buried this week, besides those who have become physical wrecks. It is pitiable to think that to bring the offenders to justice one has to depend upon these poor slaves of the bottle to do so. No wonder convictions are so rare.

St. John's.

The annual Christmas tree in connection with the Sunday school here was held in the church on the evening of Wednesday, January 10th. The tree, as usual, was well loaded, and the children—some 60 of them—spent a very pleasant time, owing to the very praiseworthy efforts of Miss Kerby, organist, and her staff of faithful workers. The missionary, Mr. Bearfoot, presided, and opened the proceedings with a short service. The roads were very unfavorable for getting about, but still there was a large number present. The time before the distribution of the presents was spent in the hearing of the report of the school by the missionary. Three of the children attended 52 of the 53 Sundays of the year. The report on the whole was a very favorable one. Then followed addresses by several of the people, among them being a visitor from the Lewiston reserve, New York, himself an Indian, and a full-fledged graduate of one of the medical schools in the States, Dr Philip Johnson. The addresses were interspersed with music by the choir

and the doctor, Mrs. and Miss Hill and Mr. Garlow, also from Lewiston. Our visitors were a host in themselves in the assistance they rendered. We hope to have them again.

FUNERAL.

Little Willie Anderson, son of one of the church officials, was buried here on Saturday, January 20th. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have the sincere sympathy of the whole community in their loss.

COUNCIL NOTES.

Council House, Oshweken,

Feb'y 6th, 1894.

General council was held to-day, and was opened in due form by Chief William Buck, one of the fire-keepers. Present E. D. Cameron, Esq., visiting supt., Wm Reep, Esq., interpreter, and forty-six chiefs.

After communications from the Department of Indian Affairs were read by the visiting superintendent, the following chiefs were deputed a committee on disputes by the council:—Isaac Dordaxer, jr., George Key, Philip Hill, Jacob S. Johnson, Joseph Green and Benjamin Carpenter, clerk.

The council decided to appoint David Johnson guardian for the children of the late Samuel Longboat.

In the matter of Simon Jonathan, who claimed a part of the south half of lot No. 18, concession 3, Tuscarora, the council re-confirmed their former decision given some ten years ago that Jonathan had no right to the land.

The council unanimously confirmed the quit claim and settlement between Chas. Davis and Martha Green on the west half of the north half of lot No. 20, con. 3 of Tuscarora, the property of the late Chas. Davis. The council were pleased with the settlement arrived at by the heirs, and hope that this will be an example to others, and thus avoid coming to the council.

The council asked the visiting supt. to explain in regard to the revenue derive from the following national properties viz., stone quarries, residence of the Miller shingle factory, Sour Springs and Sour Spring lot and pile driver, also in respect of the Forest bailiffs, all of which he explained satisfactorily, with the exception that he did not know the conditions by which the Sour Spring was held by Moses Turkey, and that he did not know that the council had a shingle machine, whereupon the council authorized the visiting supt. to inquire into these matters, and to report as soon as possible, as some revenue may be derived from the Sour Springs and the shingle factory.

The council refused to recognize the account of John Froman against the estate of the late Moses Carpenter, as Carpenter did a great deal of work for the said John Froman while he lived with him, besides having helped to supply provisions for the family.

The council voted \$2 to Mary Isaac, who is said to be sick and in want.

The following quit claims were presented to the council to be confirmed: Quit claim of Betsy Staats and Samp-

son Staats to Chief Wm. Smith.—Confirmed.

Quit claim of John A. Miller to George D. Styres.—Confirmed.

Quit claim of Robert Bomberly to Jacob Miller.—Confirmed.

Quit claim of Ellen Powless to Festus Johnson. Confirmed on the condition that he will keep and support his mother.

Quit claim of George W. Müller to Geo D Styres.—Confirmed.

Quit claim of Festus Johnson to Samuel Styres.—Confirmed.

Quit claim of John Flanders to J. S. Johnson.—Confirmed.

Quit claim of Wm Staats to Daniel Dordater.—Confirmed.

Quit claim of Peter Smith to Thos. A. Miller.—Confirmed.

Quit claim of James Johnson and Lucy Johnson to Festus Johnson.—Confirmed.

Quit claim of Richard Hill to J. S. Johnson.—Refused.

Quit claim of Christina Powless to Ezra Johnson.—Refused.

The accounts of Joao Martin and David General passed.

The accounts of A. H. Lottridge was ordered to be paid.

The council then adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

February 7th, 1894.—Adjourned council opened in due form and resumed business.

The council decided to pay the committee who valued Mrs. Scott's improvements on the west quarter of the south half of lot No. 1, con. 3, Tuscarora, two days each. They also decided to pay the committee who examined the Will property some time ago one day each.

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With regard to the dispute between Samson Miracle and Robert Bomberly on the south half of the north half of lot No. 20, con. 2, Tuscarora, the council decided that Mrs. Secord, widow of the late Jacob Davis, can only sell one-third of the estate in question to Robert Bomberly. The remainder will therefore revert to the children of the late Jacob Davis. Robert Bomberly shall have the east part, and the children of the said late Jacob Davis shall possess the western portion, Robert Bomberly to be paid for his improvements, if he has any, on their portion of the property.

With reference to the estate of the late Jacob Thomas, who, in the absence of a quit claim or will, was considered to have died intestate, the council decided that the property be disposed of according to the Indian act, the nearest heir to become possessed of the property.

The council decided to pass the account of David Fish for building stone abutments under bridge No. 7, across McKenzie creek, but deducted \$10 from the amount of his account on the grounds that he did not go down deep enough in one of the said abutments, according to the plans and specifications.

The council decided to confirm the report of the committee, except locating Amos and Joseph Clench on the north half of lot No. 6 con. 2, Oneida, which shall be considered.

It was also decided by the council that...

Johnson be placed on the pension list at \$25 per annum, beginning from 1st January last.

The council decided to adopt James and Laura Edith Martin. The parents are Peter and Ellen Martin; also Bertha Newhouse.

The council decided to call a special session on Tuesday, and they want either the visiting supt. or clerk Chief A. G. Smith to be with them.

The committee voted the sum of \$2 to Moses Adams, who is sick and in want.

The committee decided to locate Amos and Joseph Clench on the north half of lot No. 6 in the 2nd concession of the township of Oneida. Their father was located there in 1878 by the council, but died before taking possession.

The council then adjourned until next Tuesday, at 10 o'clock a.m., sharp. The council also decided to pay the committee on grist and saw mill property \$1 each.

OSHWEKEN.

At present Oshweken is very quiet and business dull. The only man who seems to be busy is the doctor. His customers are constantly dowing in from far and near. A busy man is the doctor in our little village.

Mrs. Mary Miller, who has been lingering for months, died on the morning of the 7th inst., and on the 9th she was buried at the St. John church cemetery. Rev. J. Bearfoot officiated at the funeral service in the church and at the grave. Rev. John Tennant, who has often been with the deceased sister during her illness, was also at the funeral.

Last Tuesday, during the sitting of the general council, the council house was so full of spectators that it reminded one of the great Heslop trial at Hamilton, and the council got through with a pile of work which they had on hand. The most important part was the revision of the census of the S x Nations, which no doubt was the cause of the great concourse of people.

Miss Amelia M. Hill has left Oshweken to attend the Demill Ladies College, Oshawa, Ont.

Chief Richard Hill and Mrs. Hill, who have gone away to Lewiston reserve, N. Y., have not returned yet.

Henry Burning, contractor to repair the Delaware bridge, is on the fly now gathering materials. Also Chief Joseph Green, who is going to repair the No. 7 bridges over McKenzie creek by laying new plank.

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