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PREFACE.

The Tenth Grand General Council was held at the Caradoc Reserve, in the County of Middlesex.

The Reserve is situated on the right bank of the River Thames, at the extreme south of the Caradoc Township.

This Reserve is settled by two Bands, Chippewas and Munceys, and a few Pottawattamies.

The Chippewas have three schools and three churches. The Council Chamber is a very large brick building, with convenient ante-rooms and balcony. Here also is where they hold their annual Fall Show, with a substantial board fence around the grounds, and is less than half a mile from the Delaware Station, on the branch of the M. C. R.

The Munceys have only one school on their portion of the settlement, and two churches. A very fine frame mission and school house, with stone foundation, costing nearly a thousand dollars. The funds from which this house was built were raised in England, by Mr. J. B. Wampum.

The Muncey Agricultural Society have bought two acres alongside of the school lot, and enclosed them with a high board fence, where they hold their Annual Show.

It was in the Chippewa Council Chamber where this Tenth Grand Council was convened. This building cost something over two thousand five hundred dollars, and occupies a charming sight on the high bank of the River Thames.

Within less than half a mile is the beautifully situated building of the Mount Elgin Industrial Institution, now being enlarged and beautified, at heavy cost. When the improvements are completed it will be one of the finest buildings in the country, and will have accommodation for one hundred and twenty pupils.

During the session of the Council, Chiefs and Delegates accepted an invitation from the Principal of the Institution (Rev. W. W. Shepherd), visited the grounds and buildings, and were hospitably entertained, and were greatly delighted with what they saw and heard.

CLASSIFIED LIST
—OF—
CHIEFS AND DELEGATES
ATTENDING THE
GRAND GENERAL INDIAN COUNCIL OF 1888.

Mississaugas of the Credit.

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| 1. P. E. Jones, M. D. | 3. W. Sterling, Delegate. |
| 2. Jas. A. Wood, Chief. | 4. A. Jones, " " |
- Post Office, Hagersville.

Chippewas of Walpole Island.

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| 1. Joseph Osauge, Delegate. | Post Office, Wallaceburg. |
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Chippewas of Saugeen.

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| 1. Henry H. Madwayosh, Chief. | 2. Waldron Elias, Delegate. |
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- Post Office, Chippewa Hill.

Oneidas of the Thames.

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| 1. Washington Doxtator, Chief. | 4. William White, Chief. |
| 2. John Hill, " " | 5. Moses Brown, " " |
| 3. John Brown, " " | 6. Elijah Ninham, Delegate. |
- Post Office, Muncey.

Chippewas of the Thames

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| 1. Joseph Fisher, Chief. | 5. Moses Waucosh, Chief. |
| 2. John French, " " | 6. John Henry, Delegate. |
| 3. John Chicken, " " | 7. George Fisher, " " |
| 4. Able Waucosh, " " | 8. Samuel French, " " |
- Post Office, Muncey.

Munceys of the Thames.

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| 1. W. J. Waddilove, Chief. | 2. Charles Timothy, Chief. |
| 3. Scobie Logan, Delegate. | Post Office, Middlemiss. |

Honorary Members.

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| 1. David Sawyer, ex-Chief. | Post Office, Hagersville. |
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Grand General Indian Council,

—OF—

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

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TITLE.

1. This meeting of Delegates from the Indian Tribes of Ontario and Quebec, shall be called "The Grand General Indian Council of Ontario and Quebec."

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.

2. That the Council meet once every two years, at the time and place appointed by the previous Council, subject however, to extra sessions to be called by the President. Due notice of the time, place, and object of the meeting shall be given to the Head Chief of each Tribe.

OFFICERS.

3. The officers of the Council shall be a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected at the close of each of the regular sessions.

WHO ELIGIBLE.

4. Only Delegates duly authorized shall be eligible for election as officers of the Grand Council.

NUMBERS OF DELEGATES.

5. Each Band of Indians in Ontario and Quebec, shall have the right to send one Delegate for every one hundred, or fraction of one hundred of the population.

CREDENTIALS.

6. Delegates to the Grand Council must be duly appointed by their respective Bands, and must present a certified authority in

writing from their Council, to be presented to the Secretary on the arrival of the Delegates, giving name, reservation, and post office address.

FEEs FROM DELEGATES.

7. Before the Secretary registers the names of any Delegates, it shall be his duty to collect \$ 1 from each Delegate, to go into the funds of the Grand Council.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

8. Any Delegate wishing to leave before the close of the session must obtain permission from the President, and in case of their neglect to comply with this rule, their names and that of their Reserve will be published in the minutes.

RULES FOR ADDRESSING COUNCIL.

9. Delegates shall not be allowed to speak upon subjects which are not before the Council, or more than twice on one subject; nor longer than ten minutes, except by permission of the President. The President by vote of the Council may permit non-Delegates to speak, subject to the same rules.

RULING OF PRESIDENT FINAL.

10. The ruling of the President in all matters of order and decorum, during sessions of the Council, shall be final, and persons refusing to obey his ruling shall be considered disturbers of the meeting and punished according to law.

EXPENSES HOW PAID.

11. That any debts incurred by the Secretary in the discharge of his duties as such, become *defacto* the debt of the Council, and shall be paid by that body, and also that deputation or emergent expenses shall be paid in such manner as the Grand Council shall direct.

PLACE OF MEETING.

12. That in choosing the place of meeting of the regular Grand Council, the movers and seconders of motions shall not be allowed to name any other Reserve than their own.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

13. The order of business in the Grand General Council shall be:
- 1st—Opened by prayer and praise.
 - 2nd—Minutes of former meeting read.
 - 3rd—President's address.
 - 4th—Secretary-Treasurer's report.
 - 5th—Unfinished business.
 - 6th—General business.
 - 7th—Council closes.

MINUTES
OF THE
Grand General Indian Council.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

OCTOBER 3rd, 1888.

The meeting was called to order by the President at half-past one in the afternoon, who stated that "it is usual to open this meeting by prayer and praise before transacting any business. Now, we will open the meeting by singing the first hymn." All of the delegates joined in singing and Rev. A. G. Smith, of Lower Muncey Mission, led with prayer.

Owing to the fact that the minutes of the previous Grand Council were not printed, the President went on addressing the delegates that had arrived as follows:

"CHIEF AND DELEGATES,—It involves upon me to address you, and I think it is not desirable for me to speak much as most of you are living near.

"The reason there is so few delegates attending our Council is that a great many are seeding yet, and through that reason could not attend; another reason is that the minutes of our previous Grand Council were not printed, therefore the various Bands have not responded to the call.

"The minutes were not printed, owing to the fact that there was not enough money to get them printed, and our Secretary has also stated that even the last minute books were not paid for; but I am very thankful to hear that the Indians are advancing in their different settlements, and I am also glad to know that between this and last Grand General Council we had the privilege of voting for a representative to the Dominion Parliament.

"Also, I am glad to know that we have Agricultural Societies in various Reserves; we have one in this part of the settlement. But it is necessary to work together in everything we undertake in order to succeed.

"As there are very few strangers, yet I shall not attempt to say anything more, so I now declare this Tenth Grand General Indian Council open for the transaction of business." (Applause).

The President suggested to the Council to fill the vacant offices, viz.: 1st Vice-President and the Secretary.

John Henry moved, seconded by Chief John Chicken, that Scobie Logan be appointed Secretary *pro tem*. Voted and carried.

Moved by Moses Waucosh, seconded by Elijah Ninham, that John Hill be appointed 1st Vice-President. Voted and carried.

John Henry stated that we have already opened the Grand Council, and he would ask if the Council intend to transact any business to day.

The President replied that he merely opened the Council now to enable us to proceed to business in the morning.

Elijah Ninham stated that his people did not know the rules about paying \$1.00 into the treasury, but he and some of his Band would pay in the morning.

Mr. A. Waucosh explained Section 7, and why each delegate paid \$1.00 into the treasury. Moreover, he thought it would be advisable to appoint a Treasurer, and if the other officers did not arrive soon the Council would have to make different arrangements.

Mr. John Henry called the attention of the Chiefs and delegates to the 3rd and 11th Sections of the Constitution and explained them. In his view the Secretary and Treasurer should be separate offices—one as a Secretary and the other as a Treasurer.

Chief A. Waucosh stated that he would add a few words to his friend's speech by explaining the cost of printing the minutes by our Secretary, and in his opinion the minutes could be printed far cheaper, and he supported his remarks by producing a few minute books that were printed several years ago.

John Henry said that our Secretary promised faithfully to forward the manuscripts to this Band, and he would like to know if any one had received them yet.

The President read a letter from the Secretary, promising to send the minutes of the previous Grand Council as soon as possible.

John Henry stated that the Grand Council had been opened according to the Constitution, and in his opinion the 3rd and 11th Sections of the Constitution ought to be amended to enable us to appoint a Secretary and Treasurer, therefore he would move to amend the 3rd and 11th Sections to that effect, seconded by Chief John French. Voted and carried.

Moved by Chief Moses Waucosh and seconded by Chief W. J. Waddilove, that Chief John Chicken act as Treasurer of this Council for the ensuing two years. Voted and carried.

The President submitted to the Council the name of our Grand Secretary who is an assistant Indian Superintendent; therefore it would be better to appoint another person in his place. Chief Waddilove stated that we had better relieve our present Secretary before we elect another, therefore he moved that our Secretary, P. E. Jones, M.D., be relieved from his office in this Council, seconded by John Henry. Voted and carried.

For Secretary the following nominations were made :

Name.	Mover.	Seconder.
John Henry.	John Chicken.	Wm. Waddilove.
Scobie Logan.	John Henry.	John French.
Able Waucosh.	W. Doxtator.	Joseph Osaugee.

The vote was taken in the usual way, when Scobie Logan received the majority of votes (5) and he was declared elected amidst applause.

Moved by Chief John French, seconded by John Henry, that Chief A. Waucosh act as interpreter for the Chippewas. Voted and carried.

Moved by Chief W. Doxtator, seconded by John Hill, that Elijah Ninham act as interpreter for the Oneidas. Voted and carried.

Moved by John Henry, seconded by Chief Able Waucosh, that we adjourn until 10.30 a.m. next day. Carried.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

OCTOBER 4th, 1888.

The President took the chair at 11 a.m. The Council was opened by singing and prayer, by Chief John Chicken, and Chief J. Hill.

The President gave a short address of welcome to the delegates, and hoped that we may work in harmony together, for the benefit of our respective Bands.

On motion the minutes of former meeting were read.

Moved by Chief A. Waucosh, seconded by John Henry, that we adjourn for dinner. Voted and carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Council resumed its session at 1 p.m.

The President called upon Dr. P. F. Jones, to read and explain his accounts.

Dr. Jones stated it was owing to the fact that several Bands did not pay in their taxes, and therefore could not defray any expenses incurred by the Council. He only received \$68.44, and the balance due still amounts to \$9.56 of the old debt.

Mr. John Henry moved, seconded by Chief John French, that this Grand Council defray the expenses incurred by our late Secretary to the amount of \$9.56. Voted and carried.

Dr. Jones thanked the Council for the honor they had bestowed on him for the past fourteen years.

Moved by John Henry, seconded by Chief A. Waucosh, that this Council has great pleasure in thanking Dr. Jones for his valuable services in the past. Voted and carried.

The President stated to Dr. Jones that it was his pleasure to tell him the motion of the Council, and how it was carried, and further hoped that the good feeling which is now existing may last.

Mr. Jones replied in a lengthy address.

Mr. David Sawyer, of the Credit Band, said he was an old Chief, and was requested by some of the people in his part to go and listen to the deliberation of the Grand Council, and wished to know if he would be accepted as an honorary delegate.

John Henry stated that in order to expedite the deliberation he would move to accept David Sawyer as an honorary delegate, seconded by Chief J. French. Voted and carried.

Moved by A. Waucosh, seconded by Chief French, that the Indian Act be considered. Voted and carried.

Interpreters explained the Indian Act in their respective languages. A discussion here arose on the 20th Section pertaining to certain property by will.

Chief A. Waucosh moved, seconded by John Henry, that we adjourn for supper. Carried.

EVENING SESSION—7.30.

The President stated that Section 20 was unfinished.

It was moved by Jas. A. Wood, seconded by W. H. Sterling, that the Superintendent-General be advised to amend Section 20, Sub-Section 1, by striking out the words "as well as his personal effects or other property, of which he is the recognized owner" in the 5th and 6th lines.

Moved by Jas. A. Wood, seconded by W. H. Sterling, that the Superintendent-General be advised to add Sub-Section 10 to Section 20, "providing that an Indian may make a will disposing of his personal and moveable effects without any restriction by either the Council or the Superintendent-General."

Moved by John Henry, seconded by E. Ninham, that Section 20 be retained as it is.

Moved by Chief A. Waucosh, seconded by Scobie Logan, that we adjourn till 10 o'clock to-morrow. Voted and carried.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

OCTOBER 5th, 1888.

The Council was opened by singing and prayer.

The minutes of former meeting were read.

The President is of opinion that in order to expedite business it would be better for any delegate to make a motion and that it be laid on the table before any discussion could be made.

Chief A. Waucosh read the Act clause by clause.

The President read the different motions of yesterday's meeting. After they voted on the motions, it was resolved that Section 20 be retained as it is.

John Henry moved, seconded by E. Ninham, that we adjourn for dinner. Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Council resumed its session at 1 p. m.

Quite a discussion took place on Sub-Section 4, Section 20, and the latter part of the Section, reading as follows: "*during the term of her widowhood.*"

Chief French stated he could not understand the true meaning of the latter part of that section.

Chief Waucosh said that it would be better to get those who are better informed, or understand the Act, together and try to find the true meaning of those words.

Mr. George Fisher gave a powerful speech explaining that when a widow gets married again she is no more a widow, or ceases to be a widow.

E. Ninham thought this Section ought to be amended.

Chief Isaac Hill is of opinion that it would be nothing but right that our widows ought to retain their third of the property, whether alone or married again, as in his opinion they toiled with us in accumulating the property, and if married out of the Band, pay her share off.

Elijah Ninham moved, seconded by Jno Henry, that "widowhood" be substituted by the words "natural life." Lost.

Chief Waddilove moved, seconded by Chief A. Waucosh to retain the section as it is. Voted and carried.

Elijah Ninham is of opinion that Sub-Section 9, Section 20 ought to be amended, giving the Council in their respective Bands a control of minor matters.

Moved by John Chicken, seconded by Samuel French, that Sub-Section 9, Section 20 be retained as it is. Voted and carried.

Chief White asked permission to speak. He gave an historical sketch of his people, and towards the latter part of his remarks stated that he wished to retain the rank as a life Chief.

Chief A. Waucosh stated that we have a great deal to attend too. He intends to bring up a question pertaining to institution. He had nothing personally against the principle, but as he was requested to bring this matter up, he thought it was his duty to do so.

E. Ninham is of opinion that Section and Sub-Section under the sale or barter of produce &c., effects the Ontario Reserves as well.

John Henry stated that these Sections mentioned by Mr. Ninham are only for the Northwest Indians.

Section 27 is the one that deals with the Eastern or more advanced Bands.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moved by George Fisher, seconded by Chief A. Waucosh, that Section 27 be retained as it is. Carried.

Moved by W. Elias, seconded by Samuel French, that we adjourn for supper. Carried.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

OCTOBER 6th, 1888.

The Council was opened by singing and prayer.

The minutes were read.

Sections 72 and 73 were discussed.

Moved by Scobie Logan, seconded by Jas. A. Wood, that Sections 72 and 73 be approved and retained as they are. Carried.

Mr. D. Sawyer, J. B. Noah and George Fisher, gave powerful speeches in favor of the Act.

John Chicken was in favor of the present motion, but would like to ask what punishment they were going to give to a person that neither receives annuity money or any property.

The President remarked that this Council could make a provision for that, and it is in their hands if they think it necessary.

Moved in amendment by Chief John French, seconded by Samuel French, that the annuity of the man who deserts his wife, shall be taken away from him only, (not the property) for the benefit of the deserted.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Washington Doxtator, seconded by W. Elias, that "imprisonment" be added to the original motion.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Council resumed its session.

The President thought the delegates must be ready by this time to vote on the previous motions.

1st. That Sections 72 and 73 be approved and retained as they are—12.

2nd. That annuity money be taken away from the deserter, for the benefit of the deserted, and not the property—1. Lost.

3rd. That Imprisonment be added to the original—17. Carried.

W. Doxtator moved, seconded by Jas. A. Wood, to retain Section 76 as it is. Carried.

Mr. Jas. A. Wood asked the Council if they intended to discuss the question concerning the Mount Elgin Institute. He also wanted it to be understood that he did not intend to bring any charges

against the Institute. He was also requested by his Band to inquire into it.

The President was of opinion that if any complaints should be brought forward, it would be better to invite the Principal, so that he may be able to explain and answer any question.

Motion to adjourn till Monday morning, at 9 a.m. Carried.

FIFTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

OCTOBER 8th, 1888.

Council was opened by singing and prayer by John Chicken and Rev. W. W. Shepherd.

The President stated that it was understood by the Council that the question regarding the Institute and the management of it were to be brought forward to day. The Rev. W. W. Shepherd is now present, and any questions that any person may wish to ask he will be glad to answer.

Mr. A. Waucosh made a few remarks, and read a letter from the Government, being a copy of the agreement with certain Bands.

Mr. Isaac Hill was of opinion that the Principal ought to give us an understanding of their rules.

This Council does not pretend to investigate any charges. It agreed with Mr. Wood when he stated that before any charges could be made he would have to formulate a charge before any investigation could take place.

Mr. J. B. Noah asked a number of questions about the working of the Institute.

Moved by Scobie Logan, seconded by Chief A. Waucosh, that this Council appoint a committee to draft out a petition to the Government, requesting them to enlarge the Institute so as to enable a higher education. Voted and carried.

The committee appointed were: John Henry, Jas. A. Wood, Hy. H. Madwayosh, W. Elias, J. B. Noah, S. Logan, etc.

After they returned from the ante room the Secretary laid the petition on the table.

(PETITION.)

MUNCEY, 8th Oct., 1888.

*To the Honorable the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa:*

SIR,—We, the undersigned officers of the Grand Indian Council of the Province of Ontario, now assembled at the Caradoc Reserve, in the County of Middlesex, beg to submit the following for your consideration:

1. That we desire most respectfully to draw the attention of your Honorable Department to the very excellent work which is

being accomplished by the Mount Elgin Industrial Institute, which is situated on the Caradoc Reserve.

2 That we desire also to let your Honorable Department know that for a number of years this excellent Institute, for lack of accommodation, has been forced to refuse fully one-half of all who applied for admission to its advantages.

3. That we do also respectfully and urgently request that your Honorable Department *do, at the earliest possible date*, take the necessary steps to have the Institute so enlarged as to accommodate not less than one hundred and twenty pupils at least, and also a higher branch of education.

4. Trusting that your Honorable Department will take immediate steps for the accomplishment of our wish in the matter, and that you will confer with the authorities of the Methodist Church about the matter at an early date.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

JOSEPH FISHER, *President.*
ABLE WAUCOSH, *Vice President.*
SCOBIE LOGAN, *Secretary.*

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Upon motion the President vacated the chair, and the Secretary recorded the nominations.

The following nominations were made :

FOR PRESIDENT.

Name.	Mover.	Seconder.
Joseph Fisher.	Alfred Jones.	Scobie Logan.
Jas. A Wood.	Elijah Ninham.	John Chicken.

The vote was taken in the usual way, when Chief Joseph Fisher, receiving the majority of votes—20, was declared elected amidst applause.

FOR 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT.

Name.	Mover.	Seconder.
J. B. Noah.	A. Waucosh.	A. Jones.
John French.	Jas. A. Wood.	John Chicken.
W. J. Waddilove.	Jno. Henry.	Jos. Osauge.

Jno. French was declared elected.

FOR 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT.

Hy. H. Madwayosh was elected 2nd Vice-President by acclamation.

Moved to adjourn till third Tuesday in September, 1890, at New Credit, near Hagersville, Ont.

John Henry moved, seconded by Scobie Logan, that before we close the meeting, we give three cheers for the Queen.

The Chippewas Brass Band played

“GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.”