

To Place Plaque For Allenford Pow Wow, 1855



HISTORICAL PLAQUE UNVEILED — An historical plaque commemorating the Allenford Pow-wow of 1855 which peacefully settled boundary differences between the Ojibway Indians and the white men was unveiled by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Akiwenzie of Cape Croker in a brief ceremony Sunday. The

plaque is situated on a site opposite the grounds of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Highway 21. It is one of a series being erected throughout Ontario. The Allenford plaque and ceremony was sponsored by the Bruce County Historical Society.

A plaque will be unveiled at Allenford on Sunday, July 20, at 3 p.m. to mark the place at which a decision for peace was made against real threat of war. Here the proud Ojibway secured recognition of their own interpretation of the 1854 Treaty of Saugeen. Here the white man was compelled to come half way and as equals. Here the Indians for once won. And it was here at Allenford - then called the Flood-Wood Crossing - that the peaceful settlement of Grey-Bruce areas was assured.

This was the last Indian-White confrontation that might have led to the War Path in Grey-Bruce; and with all the horrible consequences so familiar in some other areas. This was the culmination of a magnificent stand for their rights by the Ojibway who here demonstrated their tenacity in the cause they judged right and for which they were willing to fight. Even as they did some two hundred years before and defeated the mighty Iroquois, holding this land as theirs.

The Allenford Plaque thus marks a very important historical site and occurrence for the Grey-Bruce area and it is hoped that on the occasion of the unveiling (July 20, 3 p.m.) at this spot on the Ancient Newash-Saugeen Indian trail (now Blue Water Hwy. 21) there will be a very large turn-out to witness the event. The Archaeological and Historic Sites Board of Ontario is to be complimented in bringing this project to a successful climax; and the Bruce County Historical Society deserves all praise for their hard

work and efforts in securing this recognition.

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