New Credit Through The Eyes of Erik Watt

Chapter 4. Education, Marriage, Employment and Religion.

"Mississauga children attend school in Hagersville or Brantford from grade 6 onwards, play on Hagersville ball and hockey teams. Intermarriage between Mississauga and white is no more uncommon than intermarriage with the Six Nations tribes.... There is no industry on the Reserve, other than farming, which means that most of those of working age are employed off the reserve. The old language is practically unkown on the reserve; everyone speaks English. And where to this day tribal religion remains strong on many reserves, the Mississauga, almost to a man are United Church. Yet the young Mississaugas who leave the reserve to further their education, often return as graduates.... And higher education is very much the Mississauga goal of today; several young men from the reserve are now in university, studying to be doctors, engineers and lawyers... among their own people." "Our population has increased 22 percent since Worl War 11", Chief King says.

Voices Of New Credit Young People

Cinderella Rabbit

Cinderella Rabbit lived in a big old castle with 10 wicked sisters. One day the King invited everybody in the kingdom to a big ball. All of Cinderella Rabbit's sisters were going, but she couldn't go because she had nothing to wear. After her sisters left, her fairy god-rabbit came and said that she could change her clothes to a luxurious dress. One wave of her wand and instantly she was given a new dress and changed into a lovely princess. Since she had no way to go, the fairy god-rabbit waved her wand and instantly there appeared a magnificent limousine. Before the fairy god rabbit left, she told Cinderella rabbit that she had to be in by 12 midnight or she would change into an ugly pumpkin. But, when Cinderella Rabbit got to the ball, she completely forgot about the time. Then, when the clock struck midnight, she remembered and immediately started to leave, but before she took even two steps, she turned into an ugly pumpkin. So that only proves that "You're HARE today and gone tomorrow." (Ken)

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Joe: What's red and goes ding dong?
Moe: A red ding dong.
Joe: What's blue and goes ding dong?
Moe: A blue ding dong.
Joe: No, they only come in red. (?)

Queston: What state is round on both ends and high in the middle?
Answer: Ohio (Rodger LaForme)

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STATISTICS (by Six Nations Indian Agency)

Area of Six Nations Reserve		- 44,900 acres
Area of New Credit Reserve		- 6,000 acres
Resident population -	Six Nations Reserve	- 5,300
	New Credit Reserve	- 450
Band Membership -	Six Nations Reserve	- 8,600
	New Credit Reserve	- 500
Number of Houses -	Six Nations Reserve	- 1,100
	New Credit Reserve	- 100
Miles of Road -	Six Nations Reserve	- 110
	New Credit Reserve	- 17

Reserves in Canada 2,197 & 77 settlements - acreage 6,000,735 (31 March 1967)

Registered Indians in Canada - 218,098 (Dec. 31, 1965)

Indians resident on Reserves in Canada - 161,578 (December 31, 1965)