

Famous Indian Treaty Opened New Empire for Settlement



1.—Chief Duck Head, Chief of the Blackfeet and descendant of Chief Crow Foot. 2.—Monument erected to memory of Chief Crow Foot. 3.—Site of old Chief Crow Foot's lodge. 4.—Decorating the grave of Chief Crow Foot.

Fifty years ago, only a few days before the first locomotive engine entered Western Canada, the most important treaty between the Canadian Government and the Indians of the plains was signed.

It was treaty No. 7, the one that brought peace to the great plains and threw open a new empire for settlement. The historic document was signed on the banks of the Bow River just east of Calgary and near the Canadian Pacific Railway station of Chumby. It is, possibly, a greater tribute to the red men than to his white brothers that the terms of the treaty has been lived up to in every detail.

On September 22, 1927, the fiftieth anniversary of the memorable occasion, hundreds of people from all walks of life, representatives of various tribes of Indians and officers of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police gathered at the historic spot for an impressive memorial service where a cairn and tablet had been

erected. Mrs. James F. Macleod, widow of the late Colonel Macleod, commissioner of the old Royal North West Mounted Police, unveiled the tablet. It was Colonel Macleod who was successful in securing the signing of the treaty 50 years ago. The cairn containing the tablet is in close proximity to the grave of Chief Crowfoot, who in signing the treaty flung open the great plains for settlement, peaceful settlement, by the whites. Mrs. Macleod and her son Norman placed wreaths on the nearby grave. Atoms, Crees, Blackfeet, Peigans and Sarcees were represented by chiefs at the ceremony. Hon. R. B. Bennett, K.C.M.P., spoke at the gathering, tracing the incidents that led up to the signing of the treaty. He also quoted from the speech delivered at the time by Chief Crowfoot as follows:

"While I speak, be kind and patient. I have to speak for my people who are numerous, and who rely on me to follow that course which in the

future will tend to their good. The plains are wide. We are children of the plains; it is our home and the buffalo has been our food always. I hope you look upon the Blackfeet, Blood and Sarcees as your children now and that you will be indulgent and charitable to them.

"They all expect me to speak now for them and I trust the Great Spirit will put into their breasts to be a good people — into the minds of the men, women and children and their future generations.

"The advice given me and my people has been very good. If the police had not come into the country, where would we all be now? Bad men and whiskey were killing us so fast that few, indeed, of us would have been left today. The police have protected us as the feathers of the bird protect it from the frosts of winter. I wish them all good, and trust that all our hearts will increase in goodness from this time forward. I am satisfied. I will sign the treaty."

SOUTH GREY TEACHERS HELD SUCCESSFUL MEET HERE LAST WEEK

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and interesting in each of these provinces.

Human nature was the same in all of them, especially as it affected the young boys and girls and he was inclined to believe that even the passing of a century made but little change in this side of human nature. Writers of the past complained of the young people of their day for going "too fast socially". This was just as true today, for everyone knows that there is a certain class of the populace who are continually bewailing the fact that the young people are going down to perdition as fast as they can navigate the grade.

An extensive report of the last meeting of the Ontario Education Association in Toronto was given by W. J. Messenger of the Markdale Public School. His report was a good one and took up considerable time, but was well worth it. Mr. Messenger went to considerable trouble to give the meeting the facts, and the addresses of Principal Dearness of London, Miss Mabel Dunham, author of "The Trail of the Conestoga", and Secretary Charles G. Fraser were dealt with. Mr. Messenger advised as many teachers as possible to attend the annual Easter meetings of the O. E. A.

Herman Bierworth of No. 8, Bentinck, dealt with the organization and work of a rural school of eight classes. He illustrated his address with drawings on the blackboard, and gave an altogether admirable address that contained much of benefit to teachers in a rural school. A vivid description of the Mackinac trip by boat was given by Miss A. Hume of the Ayton school.

Dr. White's Address

The address of the afternoon was by Dr. E. T. White of London Normal school, who dealt with the subject of Arithmetic in Junior Classes. The subject of Arithmetic was the teaching of correct mental habits. Much of it was necessarily theory, but theory is very necessary for intelligent practice. He gave the results that had been attained in scientific tests, deciding speed and accuracy in results in Arithmetic and advised much drill in combinations until they become correct mental habits. "Make your arithmetic questions practical and reasonable within the range of the mentality of the children," said the speaker, who also advised teachers to encourage the slower ones. The address was much appreciated by the audience, who saw arithmetic taught possibly as they had never seen it done before, and these new ideas will assuredly bear fruit throughout the South Grey schools from now on.

Inspector Wright, speaking after the address of Dr. White was con-

cluded, expressed his pleasure at the treatment of this difficult subject. Arithmetic, said Mr. Wright, is the science of accuracy. He advised the "addition" method in place of the "borrowing" method in subtraction. The sharpest minds, according to the speaker, who make the most attempts may make more mistakes, but they eventually succeed.

Mr. Thomas Allan, ex-Principal of Durham High school, was called on for a few words, and his remarks were quite naturally of a reminiscence character. He still takes a keen interest in the work of the teaching profession.

The subject of Geography was taken by Miss E. A. Ries of Hanover, who advocated that instead of pupils memorizing definitions of land and water forms, they should be allowed to make their own hills, valleys, lakes and rivers on a sand table. Teach them how to keep a "weather" chart and a "wind" chart. Teach them to keep in memory all they see in their own short travels, between home and school; take imaginary travels with them and trace the process of making the trees in the piece of woods into school desks and other furniture.

The Western Canada Trip

To Miss Florence McIlvride and Miss Esther Petty was given the task of describing their recent trip through Western Canada and on up into the Yukon. Miss Petty took up that part of the trip out through the West to Vancouver, and was followed by Miss McIlvride in a description of her trip from Van-

couver to Dawson City in the Yukon. The two ladies proved themselves good raconteurs and their addresses were very interesting, especially to those who had never made the journey. They took their audience through the Canadian West, and up the coast of British Columbia past Prince Rupert, Juneau, and on through Skagway and the White Horse Pass and on to Dawson City. Miss McIlvride told of meeting some of the "old-timers" or "sour-doughs" and related some of the tales told her of the days back in 1898 when the Klondyke was at its zenith. She told of the totem poles and of the lives of the Indians of that country live and the trip was a most interesting one. This concluded the business for Thursday, except for the evening, when the ladies of the Presbyterian church invited the teachers to spend a social hour or two at the church in the evening. Games, contests and community singing were indulged in and a pleasant two hours were spent. During the evening Rev. Mr. Armstrong, pastor of the congregation, gave an illuminating address on China, its needs and its customs, which was all the more interesting inasmuch as the speaker had spent some years in that country as a missionary and could speak with first-hand knowledge. He was tendered a vote of thanks at the conclusion of his address.

Friday's Session

This was opened with devotional exercises by the Rev. W. H. Smith of Knox church, who after a reading of scripture and prayer gave a short address. His theme was that not knowledge, but character and conduct was the idea of all true education. Boys and girls naturally want to be like grown-ups; they are hero worshippers, and the Public school teacher in a good many instances is their grown-up ideal. Mr. Smith's address had a message for every teacher present and at the conclusion he was voted the thanks of the audience.

During Friday numerous subjects were taken up and all gave evidence of thoughtful preparation, were well delivered and of inestimable value to the teaching profession, but, unfortunately, we have neither the time nor the space to go into a lengthy resume of the different topics. Miss Florence M. Schroeder of Hanover had charge of the paper on Composition for Third Classes; Miss Charlotte Weinert of Neustadt gave her report as delegate to the World's Federation of Education, and Miss Edna E. Runge took up the subject of spelling.

Gave Address of Welcome

To Mr. C. Ramage fell the lot of tendering the official address of welcome. This he did in his usual brilliant manner, on behalf of the High School Board, of which he is a member. An old teacher, Mr. Ramage was conversant with every phase of a teacher's life, its trials, difficulties, and meagre remuneration, considering their arduous duties. He noted the absence of the men from these conventions as compared with the days when he taught school. The reply to this address was delivered by J. A. Magee, principal of the Hanover school.

Dr. White, of London Normal, who addressed the gathering on Thursday, took up the subject of the teaching of history. He discussed it under five heads: The value of history; the content of history; the pupil's attitude towards history; the difficulties of teaching history; and how we may improve in history.

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"The Teacher in New Ontario" was the subject taken by Miss Ruby Morrison of Varney, a former teacher in New Ontario. She corrected the common impression of many in Old Ontario that this new country is on the outside boundary of civilization and told of the many educational advantages enjoyed by the people of North Bay and beyond. She described the country as a tourist's paradise with its abundance of game and fish, as well as a land of great mineral wealth.

Busy Work Devices was the subject taken by Miss Rita G. Bailey of No. 2, Bentinck. She showed the uses that could be made of pictures out of magazines and pasted by pupils in their own books. She dealt with the different manners of keeping the children interested in their studies by various educational games, and at the conclusion suggested that these devices were worthy of a trial by all the teachers present.

Literature, a favorite subject of the speaker, was taken by Miss Pearl Wilson of Neustadt as it affected the Second Form. If you love literature yourself you will teach it successfully. Make it pleasant and beautiful for the pupils, as the aim of literature is to give pleasure. Speaking of poetry she said that poetry appeals to the ear and not to the eye. We hum a song we

like and we should try to get the poem into our voice, too.

Miss N. Fursman, of Hanover school dealt with "Reading in the Second and Third Classes"; Miss M. McLoughry of Markdale told of how to use the recent Art bulletins; while the last subject on the programme, "Art and Constructive Work in a Rural School" was taken by J. Milton Seim of Mount Forest.

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Hanover was decided upon as the next place of meeting, and before adjourning the convention passed votes of thanks to all and sundry who had in any manner contributed to make it such a success. These included all who took part in the programme; the people of Durham for their hospitality; to the Billing Committee which made arrangements; to J. Morrison of the Presbyterian church Board for the use of the new Presbyterian church; to the Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian church; to the Woman's Guild of the Anglican church for the serving of meals; and to Dr. White of London for the excellent addresses he had delivered.

The convention closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

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