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—Ruth Raeburn.

INDIAN PLACE NAMES IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

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Published by the Macmillan Co. Ltd. This little book makes interesting reading. Here are a few of the familiar place names and their meaning.

Canada—Many meanings are given for this word. I think the best is "A collection of huts."

Abbetibi or Abbitibi—A beautiful lake in Northern Ontario. The word means "halfway" as it is situated half way between Nipissing and Hudson Bay.

Agawa Canyon: A most beautiful canyon on the Algoma Central railway. The word means "bending shore".

Algoma: This district was largely the home of the Algonquin Indians.

Algonquin Park: proper spelling is Algonkin. In Haliburton County. The word means "spearing fish from the end of a canoe."

Aurora: The Indian meaning is "The dead are dancing". It is very suggestive indeed. When we see the ghost-like shadows glancing across the northern sky, now white, now opal, then rose colored and again green. Naturally we think the ghosts are quite happy.

Ausable, Ausable, Sauble: a stream in Bruce County emptying into Lake Huron near Hepworth. It means "sandy river".

Bocageon: a town in Victoria county. The word means "a narrow place between two rocks where water rushes through."

Brant—a county west of Hamilton, named in honor of Joseph Brant, a Mohawk chief. There is a statue in the city of Brantford to the memory of this great chief.

Cayuga: In Haldimand county. "Mucky land" or "the place where locusts are taken out" are given as the meanings.

Chippewa Hill—a village in Bruce County. This is the same word as Ojibway. It means "to roast till puckerd." The name was given in reference to the practice the Indians had of sewing their moccasins—the appearance being like puckerd or burnt leather.

Cognashene, Georgian Bay; another name, Kawgonging. Cog means "porcupine"; cognashene, "the place of porcupines"; minnacognashene, means "place of many porcupines."

Couchiching—a lake near Orillia meaning "narrows separating two lakes."

Erie: "long tailed", "a panther". Many panthers once infested the Lake Erie district. A panther is long tailed.

Esquesung: Halton county. Esquesung is the Indian word meaning "that which lies at the end."

Essa: a township in Simcoe county. Essa is an Algonquin word meaning "shame on you".

Eramosa, Enemosa, Aunemosa. In Wellington County. When the surveyors came into this district they saw a dead dog and the Indian name for dog is unemosh or eramosa. The surveyors were staying at the home of a settler, and the settler's wife asked them to give the township a pretty name. They asked her if they would call it Eramosa. She quickly agreed and said the name was beautiful and musical, knowing nothing of its meaning.

Etobicoke: a township in York County. The word is pronounced E-toe-be-coe. The proper Indian word is wah-do-be-kaung. It means, "a forest of alders" or "black alder".

Gananoque, Gadanoque: in Leeds county and means "rocks in deep water."

Garafraza.—The provincial highway from Owen Sound to Guelph. The word means "panther country".

Huron: county on Lake Huron. Hure means "wild boar". The Hurons were a famous Indian tribe whose territory extended from the Lake of the same name to the Ottawa River.

Iroquois, town in Dundas County. This word should be pronounced "e-rock-wah" accent on the second syllable. The word is probably derived from hiro "I have spokén", an Indian's method of concluding a speech, and koue "long drawn-out sorrow" or "short joy".

Kapuskasing: town, also a river on the C. N. R. west of Cochrane, properly Pas-kesh-e-gay "shooting" or "rushing" or "shooting water". It is found in the Cree language and means "a branch" or "branching".

Kenora: district lying north of the Lake of the Woods. The word is composed of parts of three words: "Ke" from Kewaydin, "no" north or Norman, "ra" from Rat Portage. Hence Kenora—fanciful, but correct.

Koshe: formerly Koshe-she-bogamog; in Muskoka, "Lake of many channels or shallows."

ACCIDENTS AND COMPENSATION

The summary of figures for the Workmen's Compensation Board of Ontario for the year 1931 shows a total of 52,894 accidents reported during the year, a decrease of 16,373 from the number during the prior year.

The fatal accidents numbered 339, as compared with 520 during 1930.

The total benefits awarded during the year amounted to \$6,021,392.10, as compared with \$7,423,018.82 during 1930, the 1931 figures being made up of \$4,960,629.09 compensation and \$1,060,763.01 medical aid.

Taking a basis of 300 working days this would show average daily benefits awarded of \$20,071, requiring an average of 772 cheques per day. There was a decrease in the average number of new claims reported daily from 231 in 1930 to 176 in 1931.

The accidents reported during December numbered 4,088, as compared with 4,694 in December the prior year.

CANADIAN HARDWOODS

Structure of Hardwoods

All the tree species of Canada are classified as either hardwoods or softwoods, a botanical classification which is apt to be misleading since some hardwoods are actually softer in texture than some softwoods and vice versa. Generally speaking, however, the hardwoods are stronger and harder than the softwoods, chiefly on account of the presence of a type of cell called a "wood fibre". The wood fibre is a characteristic structure in hardwoods, but is not found in softwoods. It is the wood fibres which largely impart strength, toughness, hardness, and rigidity to hardwood tree species. Canadian hardwoods such as birch and maple are characterized by thick-walled fibres of uniform distribution, and accordingly rank high in hardness and strength. It is because of this uniform cellular structure that birch and maple floors tend to wear down evenly, seldom splinter in use, and even after years of service are found to be devoid of projecting ridges.

Made in Canada Cards

Last year, some of the editors looked on the back of the greeting cards they received, and were rather grieved to find that the great majority of them were printed in the United States. If ours this year are typical, there has been a great improvement. Eight had no mark to show the country of origin, but it is likely that most of them were of Canadian manufacture, since the law requires all other cards to be marked.

Leaving out these eight, we are gratified to find that 41 per cent were printed or produced by some other process in Canada. Thirty-nine per cent came from the United States; 12 per cent from Saxony and 8 per cent from England. Strangely enough, two of those from the United States were marked "Imprime Aux Etats-Unis" which means "Printed in the United States". We wonder what the idea is, unless this French phrase is used to fool customers in that country with the idea that they are buying "imported" cards.

Before leaving the subject of Christmas cards, mention must be made of one other that we saw. It was a folder with an oval cut out in the front, and printed with the words, "Favorite Portraits". Through the oval could be seen the picture of a man, whose face somehow looked familiar. When opened up, the card showed a five dollar bill, folded so that the picture of a man on one end showed through the opening. No doubt, the recipient cherished it highly.—Fergus News-Record.

Sambo: "Pass the 'lasses."
Jumbo: "You should say molasses."
Sambo: "How kin I say mo' 'lasses when I ain't had none yet?"



Durham News

The two Trail Ranger Camps of Queen Street United church met for their weekly meeting in the schoolroom of the church on Monday, January 11. The meeting was opened at 6.30 with the opening ceremony. In the absence of the Chief Ranger, the sub-chief, George Frew, conducted the meeting. The roll-call was then taken. The business period followed after which Gordon Grant, acting for Glen Lloyd, the Mentor, gave a short talk. The meeting was closed by the fun period and the Mispah benediction.

At eight o'clock last Monday evening the Rob Roy Tuxis Square held their regular weekly meeting. The meeting was presided over by Gordon Grant, Pretor. The meeting was opened by the Tuxis opening ceremony. A study of last week's Sunday school lesson was then conducted by M. H. Bailey, Mentor. The roll-call and the business period next followed after which George Almack and Gordon Grant gave short talks. The meeting was closed by the Mispah benediction and the fun period.

The Rob Roy Tuxis Square is drawing up a hockey team. This team is much stronger than last year and desires to meet the Tuxis teams of outside centres. With cars still running we feel that this can be easily arranged.

On Sunday, January 24, a special father and son church service will be held in the morning in Queen Street United church. Alex. Sim, Boys' parliament member for South Grey, and Glen Lloyd, defeated candidate, will conduct the service. This service will be under the auspices of the local Trail Ranger and Tuxis groups. A large attendance is requested.

Mr. G. R. Padfield is organizing a boys' choir from the Rob Roy Tuxis square, to sing at late father and son service.

On Thursday, January 21, the Rob Roy Tuxis square will hold a crokinole party in the basement of Queen Street church. A good time is promised. Refreshments will be served.

News of Other Groups

South Grey: As was reported last week South Grey has been honored inasmuch as the present member, Alex Sim of Holstein was chosen Minister of Education at the eleventh session of the Older Boys' Parliament. But according to this week's bulletin, as you will

see by reading down the column, a further honor has come to this constituency through its member. At the final session of the Parliament, Alex. was one of five members chosen to contest the premiership of the twelfth parliament next December. Further South Grey had one of the ten Trail Ranger representatives from the Province, the honor falling to Wes Wright, of Hanover.

North Bay: The annual Trail Ranger and Tuxis banquet was held in Trinity school rooms recently. T. C. Cumming of the North Bay Boys' Work Board, was chairman. Mr. W. Richardson, mayor-elect for 1932, and T. M. Palmer, chairman of the Ontario Boys' Work Board, were the guest speakers.

Schumacher: A new Trail Ranger camp, known as the "Iroquois" has recently been organized with a membership of twelve boys. Harold Craig is mentor.

Spencerville: The Grenville County Boys' Work Board is enjoying a particularly fine year in its work. Seven Tuxis and six Trail Ranger groups are operating; a hockey league is again planned; the camp and fall conference were successful. Several papers give space to news of the activities and a county field day and county father and son banquet are now being planned. A proficiency contest is being conducted and awards will be made to the group whose average is highest in attendance, conduct, badge work, bond selling and variety of program.

Toronto: At the final caucus of the boys' Parliament, five outstanding members were chosen to contest the premiership of the next parliament. Those honored are Wilbur Howard, Toronto; Alex Sim, Holstein; Arthur Kerr, Tweed; Lora Carlson, Noranda; Paul Moore, Norwich.

Certificates awarded: Congratulations to the groups which have recently been awarded the certificate of recognition. This definitely marks certain achievements by the groups, not the least of which is that they have carried out four fully balanced midweek programs. The list includes: The Live Wire Trail Ranger Camp of the United Church Newburgh; Chippewa Trail Ranger Camp of Coldwater United church; Crusaders Tuxis Square, City View; Live R.Y.'s Tuxis square of Albert College, Belleville; Excelsior Tuxis Square, Timmins; Swastika Tuxis Square of St. Paul's United church Bowmanville; Beavers Tuxis square of First United Church, Birchcliff; Queen's Own Tuxis Square of Sault Ste. Marie.

Toronto: Grace United Tuxis, Trail Rangers and Explorers promoted a very successful "Dad's Night" on Friday last. One hundred fathers and dads were present. A varied program of songs, music, skits, stunts was greatly enjoyed by all. Gordon Lapp was the speaker of the evening and Mr. Ed Newberry of Westminster United Weston, entertained with a mystery story.

Program suggestions from the "Excelsior Square": The Excelsior Tuxis square of Timmins recently qualified for the Certificate of Recognition. Among its varied program came the following program suggestion. The boys assisted the C.G.I.T. Club in their rummage sale by calling for bundles, wrapping some and generally making themselves useful. The group is adapting the new Trail Ranger Code to Tuxis and plan to have it painted in colors on a canvas 5 feet by 5 feet for the purpose of hanging on the wall of their meeting place.

A Letter to the Boys of South-East Grey

Holstein, Jan. 11, 1932
Dear Boys of South-East Grey:
I feel that at the beginning of a New Year I should write to you for several reasons. First to thank you for the support you gave our movement throughout 1931 in our camp, conference, election campaign and group activities. I am pleased to say that through your co-operation we have now 12 groups in this riding compared to four one year ago. We now have four in Durham, two in Fiesherston, two in Hanover, one in Dromore and three in Holstein. May we strive to make even greater progress in 1932.

Then I want to tell you very briefly some of our experiences at the Eleventh Older Boys' Parliament. Wes Wright of Hanover represented the northern part of Western Ontario as a Trail Ranger representative and gave a fine speech on the debate to the speech from the throne.

We ate and slept at Burwash Hall and we held our meetings, caucus and sessions in Trinity College, (Anglican) which is very beautiful. We gathered on Saturday, December 25. About 100 of the lads went to a professional hockey game and some went to see Al Plunkett's "Dumbbells". On Sunday morning we had a most impressive service in Knox chapel after which the 121 members signed "The Oath of Allegiance to the King of Kings". We went in small parties after dinner to the various Sunday schools. I went with three other boys to Victoria Presbyterian church. They have an average attendance of over 800. We then toured Hart House and had supper and spent the evening in the Music Room.

The House had four sessions. Every moment was packed full of activities, committees and groups. Each morning we were inspired by Rev. Crossley Hunter's spirited messages. We heard three lectures in three afternoons: Spencer Clark on "Co-operation in Industry"; Lt. Col. Drew on "Disarmament"; and Rev. Fry on "A New Christian Social Order". Comment on the value of these messages is unnecessary. The actual legislation of the Parlia-

ment is not I think as important as the high fellowship and the great inspiration for Christian service. Last year a measure was passed which stated that no boy who used tobacco or alcoholics could run for parliament. Leaders noted a great improvement in the membership. A new clause was added this year to define more clearly the spiritual qualities of the members. The amendment re cadet training caused a heated debate and brought out fine arguments on both sides. A resolution which I helped to bring in was one concerning a Leadership Training course for rural boys in winter months. I would be glad to receive inquiries from anyone interested. The finance bill was passed. The board is in serious straits and the bond selling campaign must go over or we will lose either Charlie Plewman or Gordon Lapp and Ontario can not afford to lose either one.

The opening session was impressive and colorful. We had a full gallery. His Honor, Lt. Gov. G. Russell Dingham opened the Eleventh with all the pomp and ceremony of a British Parliament and Premier G. S. Henry gave us a thought provoking speech of welcome.

Premier John A. Hunter of Peterborough filled his position with dispatch. Lora Carlson of Noranda gave some real spirited opposition and Paul Moore of Oxford County filled the same position as last year—minister of Organization. Although he was the defeated candidate for premiership he interpreted the true spirit of Tuxis by sitting beside the premier and becoming his chief councillor.

Judging the success of the parliament from the serious-mindedness of the members, the high inspiration of the discussions and the effectiveness and usefulness of the legislation; it is safe to say that the Eleventh Older Boys' Parliament has reached a high water mark in Boy's work.

Hoping that this year will see a great advance in our work, I remain,
Yours fraternally,
R. ALEX. SIM.

He Should Know

Hadn't you better get and tell your master? said the motorist to the farmer's boy who stood looking at the load of hay upset in the lane.
"He knows?" replied the boy.
"Knows? How can he know?"
"He's under the hay."

Dentist: "Before filling your teeth I will have to treat them."
Mike: "A foine idea! Make it whisker for the bunch."

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