

At Home

Come in & Chat Awhile

—Ruth Raeburn.

INDIAN PLACE NAMES IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

by W. F. Moore

(Continued from last week)

Mackinac, Machile Mackinac—The first is the shortened form of the word and is pronounced "Mack-in-naw". A strait and an island lying between Lake Huron and Lake Michigan. The word means "big turtle" from a fancied resemblance of the island to a turtle.

Maganetewan—A river flowing from the east into Georgian Bay. It means a "long, open channel."

Manitou, Manitoulin, Manitowaning, Manitoba—These are all the same, or nearly the same word meaning "The Great Spirit" or the "home of the Great Spirit". In Manitowaning, Manitou means "the great spirit"; waning, "a cave".

Mattagami—Lake and river in Sudbury District. Means "Places where waters meet."

Mimico—In York County. Its meaning is "to rub", as rubbing grains from an ear of corn.

Minnesing, Minising—A township in Simcoe county. It means "fruit of the thorn tree."

Misanabee—River flowing into Moose river in Algoma. Means "pictures in the water."

Muskoka—It is probably a corruption of the word Misquickkey, an Indian chief. Two other meanings given to it are "red earth" from the reddish color of some of the rocks. "Clear skies" is also given as a meaning of the name.

Napanee—This word means "flour". A grist mill was established here on a small but sufficient stream. The Ontarians came here to get flour.

Niagara—There are many spellings and meanings. The best meaning seems to be "the thunderer of waters". It also means a "neck" joining the head, Lake Erie, to the body, Lake Ontario.

Nipigon—The name means "Lake so long that you cannot see the end of it".

Nipissing—The word means "little water".

Nottawasaga—Now shortened into Wasaga. The word is the Algonquin word for Iroquois, meaning Iroquois river or Bay.

Onemee—An Indian word meaning "pigeon".

Ontario—Properly it should be Ontor-ack or On-da-rack. On means "high", tarack "rocks"; that is "rocks standing high in or near the water." Two meanings are given "handsome lake" and "placid waters".

Oshawa—It has two meanings "perch," the fish, or "yellow earth". The proper spelling is "Osawa".

Ottawa—There are 32 different spellings of this word. It has two or three

meanings, "to extinguish" having reference to the mist rising from Chaudiere Falls near Ottawa City.

It also means "a kettle boiling in the water" and "bartering place".

Pottawatomie—A beautiful stream near Owen Sound. There are eleven various spellings of this word. It means "people of the place of fire".

Saugeen—means "the mouth of a river".

Spadina—The Indian word "ishapadenah" means "a hill".

Tecumseh—The word means "panther" or "one who passes quickly from place to place" or "a tiger crouching for its prey".

Temiscaming—It has a peculiar meaning—"at the place of deep, dry water."

Timagami—The word means "deep water".

Toronto—An Indian name, properly "Deondo". Many meanings are given for this word. The meaning "trees growing out of the water" is probably the best. Another meaning given is "meeting place". That is where the traders met the Indians at fur buying time.

Washingo—The word means "clear water."

Watering: After potting the plant should receive a liberal watering and then no water given until needed. Blooming plants require more water than the slower growing plants such as palms. With a little experience one can tell when plants really require water. The appearance of the plant is, of course, a good indication of its requirements. A method commonly followed is to tap the pot with the knuckles; if it has plenty of water the sound is dull, if it is dry the pot will ring. Occasional syringing is beneficial especially for ferns and other foliage plants.

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BOYS' WORK BOARD NEEDS \$13,000

This Sum Needed to Carry on Year's Work.—To be Raised by Bond Selling Campaign, January 30 to February 9.

The Boys' Parliament that met in Toronto between Christmas and New Year's Day was the eleventh held in Ontario. Those who have watched successive parliaments, regard it as being one of the best. The average ability was high, the members took their duties seriously and attended to business and the energetic Premier, John Hunter of Peterboro, was ably assisted by the popular leader of the Opposition, Loris Carlson of Noranda. The delegation of members from Northern Ontario was particularly strong and made a marked impression on the House. Carlson fell only one vote short of election to the premiership and great things are expected of him in the future.

The one hundred and twenty members of the Parliament included a small group of younger boys who were chosen because of their exceptional personal qualities, or their records as Trail Rangers. Later, these juniors hope to become Tuxis Boys and leaders in the working out of the program for older boys, for which reason they listened attentively to the discussion of the various proposals considered by Parliament for improving the boy life of Ontario.

The debates on the floor of the House, which met in Trinity College, and the conduct of the members, showed that the boys of the Parliament possess the highest ideals of Christian citizenship, favor clean sport and clean living and advocate peace and world brotherhood.

"Tuxis" by the way, is a coined word, the "X" standing for Christ, with "u" and "i" on either side, the "t" and "s" standing for training and service, the word therefore suggesting that those who belong to Tuxis are united by Christ for training and service. The Trail Rangers are junior Tuxis Boys and from twelve to fourteen years of age. Tuxis Boys and Trail Rangers gather in groups in the Sunday Schools and during the week they engage in activities that appeal to boys. They pledge themselves to Seek Truth, Cherish Health, Love God and Help Others. The Tuxis program finds a place in all the Protestant denominations and the boys from the various churches join cooperatively in boys' conferences, summer camps, the Older Boys' Parliament, Father and Son banquets and athletic

meets, these various co-operative activities being assisted and supervised by the Ontario Boys' Work Board.

For a number of years the Boys' Parliament, out of a desire to render service in the way calculated to be of most value to the boyhood of the province, has assumed the obligation of raising the budget of the Ontario Boys' Work Board. This year the sum of \$13,000 is needed, including the expenses of Parliament itself, and the Parliament, with the aid of seventy local boards and of 12,000 Trail Ranger and Tuxis Boys, will put on its financial campaign between January 30th and February 9th. Bronze medals will be awarded to boys selling \$5 worth of bonds and silver medals to boys selling \$14 worth of bonds.

This co-operative boys' work is of value to the community, the church and the Sunday school. It develops resourcefulness, initiative and originality on the part of the boys and directs their energies into wholesome channels. It has the approval of service clubs, governments, church leaders and all who have studied its operations. All classes of citizens who look with favor upon youth and desire a better Canada will wish the boys of the Parliament and Tuxis movement success as they go out in an unselfish and sacrificial spirit to raise the money urgently needed by co-operative boys' work in Ontario. Realizing that times might be better the boys will not spare themselves in their effort to raise this money. They are counting upon the support of their elders who should not let them down.

Thornton: The Beaver Trail Ranger Camp here under the mentorship of Rev. S. G. McCormack recently qualified for their Certificate of Recognition. The play entitled "A Christmas Carol" was put on by the group at their annual Sunday School entertainment.

Toronto: Toronto will be the scene of a splendid older boys' conference this week-end in Hillcrest Church of Christ. The speakers include Taylor Statten, Rev. E. C. Hunter and Rev. J. M. Finlay. Three hundred boys are expected to attend.

Ottawa: Premier John Hunter visited the groups in Ottawa last week-end where he assisted in the inaugural session of the boys' city council and spoke at the regular services of Dominion and St. James United churches and the Sunday School of Parkdale United.

Newburgh: A Lennox county rally of boys and mentors brought together representatives from Napanee, Enterprise and Newburgh. There are now six organized and registered groups in the county. Ronald Guthrie, member of boys' parliament, Gilbert Seymour, ex-member and Gordon Lapp were present.

Sackville, N.B.: Under leadership training appears to have been the outstanding item on the agenda of the Ninth Maritime Boys' Parliament. How to discover and enlist leaders for Trail Ranger and Tuxis work, how they may secure training and begin their programs with boys were phases of the question under consideration. Forty-six representative Tuxis Boys from all corners of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, comprised the parliament. Angus Cameron of St. John is Premier.

Winnipeg: With a membership of 75 the Tenth Manitoba Boys' Parliament was in session in the provincial parliament buildings from Dec. 28 to 31. Mervyn Sprung of Winnipeg is premier. One of their resolutions expressed the belief of the boy member that unemployment could be greatly lessened under a better system of economic and social organization.

Toronto: "Seven years ago I met for the first time with eleven boys of this church" said Wm. Sterricker, Tuxis mentor of Grace United church, at their recent father and son banquet. "On the first Sunday of 1925, seven of these eleven boys taught classes here. Two others are doing boys' work in other churches. Tuxis has produced results in Grace church."

ORIGIN OF ESKIMO TO BE STUDIED

Solution of the mystery of the Eskimo's origin, a secret so far locked fast in the Arctic wastes, will be sought by two young explorers.

They are James A. Ford and Moreau B. Chambers, who will study relics of ancient Eskimo tribes at Point Barrow and in the Bering Sea region, where the Eskimo civilization of 1,500 years ago is believed to have attained its "golden age".

The oldest known Eskimo civilization, found on St. Lawrence Island in the Bering Sea, is not more than 3,000 years old, scientists estimate.

Point Barrow, which juts out from Northern Alaska into the Arctic Sea, is believed to be a highly strategic point in the study of Eskimo history. Archaeologists think it was the point of separation between two ancient Eskimo civilizations.

One, known as the "Old Bering Sea Culture" was characteristic of tribes that lived in Eastern Alaska and Western Siberia.

The other, the "Thule Culture" was developed later by Eskimos who lived along the northern edge of North America, Greenland and the west coast of Hudson Bay. The Eskimos came to North America not more than a few thousand years ago, archaeologists believe. Although spread nearly halfway around the earth, they speak virtually the same language everywhere.

THE HARD TIMES CIRCLE OF THRIFT

We clipped the following story from a magazine and believe it is worth reproducing said the Georgetown Herald in a recent issue. We publish the article below with following comments by the Herald.

A portrait painter sat in his favorite cafe sipping wine. His first small bottle finished, he was about to order another when his eye fell on a headline in the Figaro, "Hard Times Are Coming" so instead of ordering his second bottle, he called for his check.

"Is there anything wrong with the wine?" asked the landlord.

"Hard times," said the landlord. "Then my wife must not order the silk dress we planned, but must take one of cotton."

"Hard times," repeated the dressmaker, when the order was cancelled. "This is no time to expand. I must not make the improvement I had planned in this place."

"Hard times, eh?" said the builder, when the dressmaker cancelled the building plans. "Then I cannot have my wife's portrait painted." So he wrote the artist and canceled his order.

After receiving the letter, the artist went again to his favorite cafe and ordered a small bottle of wine to soothe him. On a near-by chair was the paper in which he had read of hard times a few days before. He picked it up and read more closely, and found that it was two years old!

Maybe that little story won't appeal to you as it did to me. It just seems to me that a lot of use are going around yelling for a cure for something that we started ourselves. And when we start things ourselves, we often don't know just what we're starting.

There is another funny thing, too. That it takes twice as much work to get out of a ditch than it does to get into one.

Maybe it's a good time to start trying now.

How!

Constable (to speeding foreigner): "Ere, you mustn't go rushing about like that. What's yer name?"

Speeding foreigner: "Je ne comprends pas."

Constable: "Ow d'yer spell it?"—Humorist (London).

Montana judge rules that a man has the right to buy liquor but not to keep it. The dry law is driving 'em to drink.—Border Cities Star.

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