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June 30th Friday, In accordance with instructions recd from Col. Matheson, Asst Treasurer to proceed to Ottawa, to meet the Dom'n Commrs. who has been empowered by the Dom Govt to make a treaty with the Indians styled Treaty No 9, I left Port Arthur on C.P.R. train at 7.50 June 30th & arrived at Ottawa - 9 45. I called upon Mr Reading Deputy Supt of Indian affairs who introduced me to Mr Scott and Mr Stewart both of the Dept of Indian affs. who had been appointed by the Dom Govt as Comrs to negotiate the treaty, No 9. with the Indians.

I in company with three Gentlemen from the Province of Ontario who had been selected to accompany the Commissioners left Ottawa via C.P.Ry at 1.15 P.M. On arrival at Mattawa Mr Meindl joined

the party. July 1st Moose Bay was celebrated by travelling on the C.P.R. and at 1.10 a.m. Sunday July 2nd reached Devonwell where we went into camp No. 1 Tents having been pitched for our accomodation by Mr Rae, Chief Trader H. B.Co. who has charge of all transportation arrangements. Remained in Camp Sunday Monday 3rd Struck Camp and taken luggage Supplies &c were packed in three wagons. Left for Sandy Lake Portage for Sandy Lake. over a rough and muddy road, a distance of 9 miles - the trend being a little N. of East. Arrived at shore of Lake at 10.20 a.m. the After the boats - provided by Mr Rae - 1 birch Canoe (5 fathom) and 2 large Peterboros were loaded by the 12 Indians provided for the purpose, left the shore following our course Northerly

course for 6 miles to Black Face portage a quarter of a mile in length to Minnetaki Lakes when the supplies &c having been placed on board the Minnetaki at the dock a small Steamer plying on the lake, Johnston Owned by the Saugeen Co. left at 5 p.m. following course N.W. of East to and reached Burnt Island 12 miles distant which we reached at 7.50 p.m. and went into Camp No 2 - Thursday the last 7 miles it rained incessantly and continued most of the night. Tents pegged down Tuesday 4th - Still raining, at 12.45 p.m. struck tents, and when Canoes were loaded left, Camp No 2 following a course N of East for 7 miles to Abraham Shoot, some of the party walked over a rough Portage 1/8 of a mile, boats ran the rapids - embarkedeach foot of Shoot passing thro a chain of lakes separated

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by numerous passages presenting scenery of the finest, striking descents by short portage running around Pelican Falls, named Blackfoot reached at 6 pm crossing this muddy and last portage, the rain falling continuously camped on shore of Lost Lake a few minutes after our arrival three Sport Boats from H.B.Co Post Lost Lake Sent here in style. Propelled by oars and sails and carrying in all 25 Indians carried at the portage.

Wednesday 5th left Pelican Island Falls Camp No 3 at 8.10 am - called at 10 am at Indian named Frenchmans Head Reservation where Councillor Jim Beaver came to shore and interviewed the Chief who kindly offering to assist in portaging the Luggage over Isthmus portage which we arrived at 10.30 am - Effected partaking of refreshments across the portage 1 mile long and at 3.25 pm again started on our journey, after running for two miles up the Lake we turned entered a marshy a creek running thro marshy grounds, on places choked with Moose grass and at this Winding Creek the portage carried by low water at on a 2 county the long Rapid expanse and Terminating in Slave of the River in a Swampy Lake 12 miles a Short distance across this Lake is the Height of Land being a portage of 200 Paces and a mile a portage was effected Left the Saddle on Lost Lake & left it at portage at 5.15 pm entered a creek a Camping Camped at 6.50 pm Camp No 4 Thursday 6th Struck Camp at 6.30 am passing thro a creek long Crooked Course and winding - coming out into Lake

Keewatin Dist

Such a large and beautiful sheet of water at 7.45 am. The boats were lines up the canoes in which the Dom Comrs is the centre. The forces carried on the aboriach and with flags flying proceeded up the lake at 8.45 am against a heavy wind and swell, arriving at the H.B. Post at 8.30 asm. where we were welcomed by Mr McKenzie and staff, who were called upon to Chief Kayazie & the Dom Comrs. Having learned that a dog dance was taking place at the reservation across the lake, after having dinner at the factor residence we left for Indian reservation at 11.50 am. accompanied by Chief Kayazie, Police & Mining Recorder Dunlop, Mr McKenzie, Interpreter. Mrs Nichols attended and arrived at reservation at 1. p.m. 5 miles distant.

Mr Scott had the Indians called together trundling about and impressed upon them the heavinity of giving up dog dances and other ceremonies contrary to the Treaty terms. His handling of this delicate matter, thro' Mr McKenzie as interpreter, who has a thorough command of the language and rendered valuable assistance, he also in the manner he conveyed the utterances clearly worded sentences of the is discussing of the highest import Kayazie. Medicine man replied in a very cunning way at last promising conditionally that if the Dom Comrs would accompany Powassan — Chief tradition and hope them advise them.

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was ~~destroyed~~ from
that he approved of Kerr giving up the dances
that he and the band present would
give up the barbarous practice -
~~Friday 4~~ I regret to record that
Mr Scott was taken ill suddenly
this Evg -
Camp No 5
Friday 7th. Mr Scott is much better this
Am. Beadrie acting for the Factor &
his family left the Post at 11 30 a.m.
Course an Easterly course for 1½ an
hour, then veering to the N. East., Strong
wind and cold spell, was encountered
had dinner at 12.40 p.m. and after
~~a short time~~ again the paddles again struck
the water at 2.15 p.m. carrying on
along at 4 miles an hour - camped
Camped at 6.30 p.m.

Camp No 6
Saturday 8. Up at 5 a.m. 30 minutes
later had breakfast and at 6.2s a.m
again started on our journey facing a
Strong N. wind and bumpy water
(Morning very chilly) I was obliged to
~~take~~ a Blanket on as shawl to keep warm
which greatly amused the Indians, as they ~~m~~
opined they had a squaw aboard.
Had dinner at 11.45 a.m - (24 a.m. 16 miles)
left at 1.30 p.m. Wind still fresh and cold
Kicking up quite a dust on the Lake -
and causing the canoes to dance about
on the wave crests and at times to ship
quite a little water, at 3 15 p.m. reached
Pickerel Rapids or Falls - over which the
Indians with the aid of tumps lines, after
Wading, ~~they~~ drew the canoes into deep
Safety to the clear water at head of

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Started at a spanking rate, the wind still being steady and strong astern. A camping ground, named after a Hamilton experience in which birds weathered and weight roughly reach that the high wood had looked into high running near to where point forming Harbour at 7.05 p.m.

Tuesday 11th Camp H.Q. Broke Camp and resumed our journey at 5.00 a.m. Head at 8.45 a.m. enters the Grand Traverse the widest part of the Lake, fortunately the wind hardly died down, permitting the crossing of this part of the Lake which is 10 miles in width and shortening out on our course N. by E. East as far as the eye can reach -

at 11.30 a.m. tied up for dinner, again starting off at 1 p.m. to the narrow extremely narrow, in fact almost formed by islands the and reaching uncultivable

Cinaberg at 4 p.m. at 3.30 rounding a sharp sandy point - the the Big Bark of Birch right flags flying came in view - lining the Canoes up we moved on about to the landing at Cinaberg - landing at 4.30 p.m. we were received by Mr. Williams the Agent and at once proceeded to shake hands with the Indians who had assembled for the purpose of meeting the Commissioner shortly afterwards - a conference with the following leading Indians was held in one of the Agents rooms -

O Dimbash
David Skunk

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after running across a lagoon entered at 4.30 pm entered a narrow winding stream the Indians named Root River, the alders almost choke the stream in places - at 5.15 pm reached Pigeon Falls - Portage 1/4 C - Run portage and off on our journey again at 6.15 pm - at 6.45 pm came to Rapids Portage 1/4 m. Luggage Canoes & bearing been portaged we Camped for the night.

Monday 10th Camp No 8 Called at 4.30 am ~~left camp~~ at 5. am - Began we start leaving the portage behind at 5.50 Cabin at 6 A.M. Camped after crossing Portage named "Night Owl Rapids" - Portage ~~is named after the~~ surrounding Rock

at 6 pm reached portage 1/4 m. named Swirly Hill, a great divide, over a slight elevation, a considerable part of the river thro a Tamarac & Spruce swamp over which a pole road has been placed by the Hds Bay Company, coming in sight of the waters that flow into James Bay, at 9.10 A.M. we started in a small creek, the entrance to Lake St. Joseph, in a short distance it expands into a wide channel with considerable marsh for some distance, taking advantage of a fair wind - ~~we~~ utilized a sail for same and spinning down the Lake, the in some of the reaches was very rough and lumpy - we tied up at ~~for dinner~~ at 10.40 pm leaving at 12.40 pm Invited the improvised sail and

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George Nawaash Kung
Massabay - Chief (Weird)
Thomas Kenwood Hiss
Mahoo Keeshe ck
Kwaish.
Pategwash
John Stents.

Mr D.C. Scott having stated the object of our Comming so long a distance to meet them, that Jean Swaine as Interpeter and having ordered a feast [illegible] as is held yearly - the Indians departed. Shortly afterwards sending word thro' the Legent to Mr Wilkinson - that they that they intended giving a reply the following morning - Wednesday 12th Comp't h° 10 -

at 12 m. the R.C. bell tolled announcing the Feast was prepared, Chief Massabay accompanied by the leading men of the Band approached the R.C. House (Agents) being requested to take seats, and asked if they had any thing to say - Chief Massabay said - "Whatever you say we will do, Mr Scott thanked them and asked if they were ready to sign the Treaty - which they did by making their mark, departing immediately after to the "Feast Ground" in front of the R.C. Store where the Band encircled the large supply of provisions afforded for the occasion. Massabay the blind Chief, moving up and down on the plank walk crossing part of ground delivered an oration to the Band listened attentively, the fish

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of his speech, being that the White men were their friends, were good, kind, assisted them giving money and Goods for their benefit, that the K.B. was good to them and that they could not get along without them as they must be good and obey the Laws, they were poor and needed assistance and could only expect help by joining themselves good. At the conclusion of the Chiefs address the Band seemed to thoroughly enjoy the Feast prepared for them.

At 2.30 p.m. the Indians were called up by Families, and every man Woman and child found eligible were given a present of $4. I carefully Counted the men in families and Checked the pay list. at 7 p.m. just as pay work was suspended for the day. the leading men of the Band advanced to the Dom. Govt Tent and announced that they had chosen Manatay for Chief George Wawoodash Kaney and John Skunk as Councillors, on being presented with a large Union Jack as promised and the usual hand shaking Ceremony had taken place, left for their Tents evidently very much pleased, during the night a very heavy thunder shower accompanied by high wind occurred and the Indians were seen to be moving their place from place to place endeavouring to protect it from wind & storm.

Thursday 13th Resumed pay ing the Indians this A.M. and closed up the Pay Lists at 12 p.m. during the morning the Chief and Councillors present a

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Conference was held re apportioning the respective Rivers and agreed that that part of the Bay that Emptied in Ontario should have the Reserve as follows -
In the Province of Ontario beginning at the Western entrance of the Albany River running Eastward a distance of Twenty Miles as far as the South ~~Point~~ Channel at the Eastern entrance of Peddlers Pass Bay following the shore of the Point Southward and around it across the narrow entrance of a Bay to a point on East shore of the outlet of Pen Kem Kee Scapee, thence due South a total to comprise an area of twenty square Miles and on the North Shore - the following.
In the North West Territory.
Beginning at a point in the centre of the Forks of the first small Bay West of the Hds B. Post, thence West a frontage of ten miles and North sufficient distance to give a total area of Fifty three miles including Islands within Provincial Waters of Albany River as surveyed as near as circumstances permitted, & Conformable to the information given by Mr Williams Agent at the Post that the timber is small and of little value, the Land useful for Agricultural purposes.
Dr Beadle, paid a visit to the Indian Encampment attending

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to all cases presented and before leaving vaccinated 107 of the Band. The Indians are carefully counted by formation that Mark by Mr

Outlets 113.

Sunday 14th Left Post at 9 am, crossing the Lake to the mouth of the River which is divided by and Island into two Channels. Beside this Island Stamp running down the two makes portage over Roughish Short Rapids, here, some thirty years ago an attrocious murder was committed by the Saulte Indians, they having killed a man and woman back to back & threw them into the Rapids, leaving the portage and running down the two Canoe to deep and shoal Lake, a beautiful chain of water stretching out a distance of 24 miles in length, leaving the Lake the river is shallow and full of boulders, owing to the low state of the water; after running several Rapids tied up for dinner high sandy Bank Ground of limestone formation at 11 30 a.m., here the channel is divided by Islands, at the foot each opening into Small Rapids running down same makes portage In a few Smooth Rock Falls cutting off bend of River with them we said to be Three Falls taking by the boats again over Whirlpool Rapids and Camped at 7.00 pm on bold rocky beach, very warm all day

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the falls - left the Ho at 3.30 p.m. ascending Deep a River named Deep River and cattle's presenting ~~scenery~~ fence ~~scenery~~ both its banks fringed with moss grass and ~~in~~ places the ~~scenery~~ timber reaching to the water. Timber, Mineral and Agricultural Land - ~~foreign~~ to this section 6.30 p.m. passed out of Deep River Sunday 9th into Burton Lake which derives its name from a Mr Burton who died and was buried on a ~~Neck~~ point near the entrance of Burton Lake - 6.40 p.m. tied up and camped on an Island opposite the Entrance of Rock River.

Sunday 9th camp No 7. left at 5.15 a.m. - left Island at 6.40 talking an Eastern Course to Rock River where the latter at 6.50 a.m. River banks ~~in~~ width from 100' to 150' - very little current - and is the ~~banks~~ ~~rocks~~ ~~the centre~~ ~~on both banks~~. the stream ~~is~~ winding and fringed on both banks by Alders - at 8.35 a.m. reached portage around rapids over the rocks - Reached Rapids No 2. named Elgin at 11.20 a.m. Assisting the Indian over the portage at 1.40 p.m. we again ~~proceed~~ off on the Canoes and reached Thorn portage at 2.30 p.m. - talking to the Canoes again at 3. p.m. and reaching portage No 4 at 3.10 p.m. named the "Current that goes along the rocks - ~~Portaging~~ portage ~~started~~ from shore at 3.35 p.m. and reached Boulder Rapids at 4. p.m. ~~Embarked~~ to the canoes at 4.15 p.m.

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Saturday 15. Broke Camps at 5 a.m. passing down the River Rose Rd rapids at 6 30 a.m. crossed Lock at the hole portage, over High Rock Falls, here the first trout was caught by Dr Meade. crossing two portages over rapids and running thro one Canoe Lake which was a beautiful piece of the high ridge [illegible] passage [illegible] and up for dinner at 12.10. Ashore. Tasking by the canoes and running a series of rapids.

Camped at foot of Cow Bay rapids. 7.10

Sunday 16th

Broke Camps at 5 30 a.m., however as is usually the case at head and foot of rapids is divided into Two Channels by an Island - Under [illegible] of little value, small Spruce, Poplar. Birch, Jack Pine [illegible]

Resuming our canoes at 6.30 a.m. paddled down the River for a short distance passing - Down a small Lake, and running several rapids, crossed two portages over Upper and Middle chaute rapids, Tied up for the night at 7 p.m. on the Lower portage

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Monday 19th

Breakfast at 8 am. Both Canoes
Sail 5 am, reaching the Small
portage over Sturgeon & Buffalo the
Falls have cut 2 Lake channels
three and one islands which
crossing the portage I noticed 2
some small gravelly Hillocks thro
the slate, showing no Fossils
only indicating the formerly
existence of Mineral in the

locality. The river below the Falls
is rapid for some distance, then
entering Lake Minonisha passing
down same tied up for dinner
in the river at 12 m. Immediately
after resuming our course passed
thro a small Lake came to
portage over Sturgeon & Buffalo
Falls - the portage 1 mile long over
a fairly good trail, large Spruce,
Poplar and Cotton wood are found
up to this point with a rare
exception the banks of the river and
Lakes are low and marshy
timber small and of no Commercial
value, leaving the portage the
channels of the River runs thro

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a narrow gorge formed by the high clay banks, into Sandy Narrows Lake passing out about 8 miles up the Lake. the guide having gone off the regular route, tied up for the night at the head of a low marshy Bay at 7.10 p.m. Weather fine and excessively hot.

Tuesday 18th

Broke Camp at 6 a.m. facing a strong east wind proceeded down the Lake, (this Lake is of larger proportions than Lake Minniniska) crossing portage over rapids

the River below the roughest part of the rapids has still a very strong current for a short stretch to Lake named by Indians Little Elbow Lake, passing across same reached portage at 11 a.m., over rapids named Tom Richards Rapids he alone escaping from drowning out of a party of six who attempted to run the rapids in a canoe and after drifting at least 250 yds. landed out passing down a chain of small Lakes and running up a small but rapid River enters Lake Ebamet, a beautiful sheet of water that might be styled an inland sea, passing in an Westerly direction, with canoes towed up

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and flags flying, expecting every moment to be driven ashore by the heavy wind that had sprung up and now continued. The waves of the bay rolled heavily against the canoes & ship's water, leaving the still waters of a small creek standing to the left of the course to the dock [illegible] where we were welcomed by the Manager, of the H.B.C. Post. A number of the Indians having assembled on our arrival after the usual kind of hailing had been gone through with we retired to the Agents House, Camps pitched at Rupert and in front of the House at Eastmain.

This Post in addition to H.B. Co's buildings has two Churches, R.C. and English, Father Lockard — the Missionary who resides at Albany named this Post. The English Missionary is at present absent at Moose Factory

I visited both Churches, in the Episcopal Church maps with the Indians alphabet hung upon the walls & the Edifice used at times as a Mission School,

the missionary assisted by a boy has built a substantial Bridge to the Church, situated on a peninsula across the creek from the Fort — Morning and evening service is held by the resident Indians.

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Wednesday 15th

This morning the Representatives Indians were not absent from the Fort assembled and a Conference was held Mr Scott the Interpreter (Sinclair Ross) stated to them that the Queen had sent the Commission to see how his people were and to enter into a Treaty with them, and that the Queen wished to help his subjects and see that they were happy and comfortable, giving them as a present this year $5 per capita and an annuity for ever of $4. per annum, also setting aside for their sole use and benefit a tract of land 1 square mile to each family of 5 that no white man should put his foot on without their permission - the Indians were then asked if they had anything to say. "Geano" replied that he was willing to enter into Treaty and accept the offers to act likewise.

Missias - said. I should like to consult with my Aunts and Cousins, if I buy as small an article as a needle I have to pay for same, if you come here offering money we have not asked for I do not understand, and should like to have it explained, after an

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explanation", he along with the others acquiesced his assent and the Treaty was signed. After handshaking they departed to Penetang for their Feast and to Call on the Election of Chief and Councillors -

In the afternoon the pay list having been completed Mr Bell commenced paying the Indians who are called up in families and promptly handed the [illegible] in Bank Envelopes with their claims & Ticket Number thereon. The Chief Counsellors of Keen Face, sometimes assisted us in paying & Ticket each the bills and receipts thereon. Ticket Numbered for future use and identification. some of them one or two returned the money thinking that they had not received their just due, not being able to distinguish between one and two dollar bills, but in every instance it was found to be correct and they turned away perfectly satisfied - Bills were closed for the day at 6 15 p.m.

Thursday 20th

Resumed paying at 9 a.m. and continued until 12 m. when the feast was announced and the Band encircling the

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the provisions which were piled up in the centre of the plot facing Fort H.B. Store – when the feast was nearly over Katchang who was absent when the Treaty was signed and refused to accept the presents of $ offered, came with his family and said he was willing to accept the money as his brethren had done after receiving part he stood up in the midst of the assembled Indians saying that he would pack the money & goods out, his wife also said she would not have her children with the women of the Hare to make them good, the feast being over, and was brought from the Indians by Mr Ross

Mrs Ross that they had elected
Katchang – Chief
Yesno –
Joe Goodman
Councillors
Louis Kinnesaio Benjamin
Quatico George

Returning to the feast Ground and explaining that the Chief's Flag would be sent on the Spring from the yearly and that the flag a Cashe Jack Union Jack who was presented to him was to be burned over to his successor provided he and the Councillors were not re-elected at the end of that term, then shaking hands with them retired

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shortly after the Chief and his Councillors came to our Camps and informed us they had after Consultation decided upon the Land they claimed to have as a Reservation nothing less as a Water frontage of 100 miles, including the [illegible] to speak a Tract of Land of like dimensions inland for we knowing again entertained that a desire was simply, as none for them on which no white man could hunt or cut timber, or build without their permission and that 1 & ½ mile for each family of five was the basis on which the size of the Land would be alotted, the Chief then said he was satisfied and after some discussion we proposed that the following Land should be granted as their Reservation –

Fort Hope on the N.W. by beginning at Kitchie sagi on the North Shore of Lake Eabamick, extending Eastward along the shore of the Lake 10 Miles; lines to run at right angles from this two points to contain sufficient land to provide one square mile for each family of five upon the ascertained

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population of the Band —
the Indians all assented, the chief
who was absent when the Treaty
was signed when asked to endorse
same, replied, that as long as he
was chief he was to be paid the
same amount as accrues at
this [illegible]
[illegible]
present from the King and that
in future he would accept as long
as he held an annuity of
$ per annum. He assented when
told what was in my name on
the Treaty. I was not present
when the terms were explained,
when he understood that
he as chief should assent
his appreciation of terms in Treaty
and also sanction said terms as
the head of the Band, he immediately
touched the pen, saying I will do
all in my power to have the
Band obey the laws and be good
Indians, at 7 30 p.m. Rev
[illegible] left
attend [illegible]
[illegible]
the Indians who seem to have the
highest esteem and regard
for him, he had been called
to Manitou Lake by the Bishop

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Mr Richards Morrison (absent from) Indian Falls - & Breakey)
from fish and Rabbits; during
our stay at the fork of Moodie, attended
to the diff. ailments of the Indians and
Vaccinated 201 of the Band —
Oct 11.10 -
All being in readiness for our
departure, bidding adieu to
Mr Gordon and family shaking
hands with the Chief & Above of
the Band who had assembled
at the dock, stepped into the canoes
and as they rounded the point
entering the lake, rousing cheers
were given by those assembled on
the shore of the Bay - proceeding
down the Bay against a head wind
from the east, tied up for dinner at
for dinner at the entrance of Little

Sunday 9th
This [illegible] called
upon us at the [illegible] Company
Residence, had a pleasant
Talk with regarding the Capabilities
of the Country as regards agriculture
and timber Lands, learning that
the Rock bass had been and that
the Lake Nipigon from the N.E.
Indians & the Remedy devised
means of subsistence was

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Mr being asked if they had any reply to make. The Chief said he was unable to accept the terms as offered and that his people were also unwilling. The treaty was then signed without any further discussion at 2 p.m.

The pay list being completed the Indians were called up in families and carefully counted and paid each head of the family receiving a cent. Numbered for future use. Some being absent the money was held over & returned to Dept of Indian Affairs.

Wm Indians No 71		$568 00
Ont "	24	192 00

As promised them a feast was prepared and when all were in readiness at 4 p.m. and every member of the Band armed with currant bannocks, tea, pipes and tobacco, they announced that they had chosen -

Wm Whitehead as chief
Wm Crawler
and John Osttasawa as Councillors

Chief Whitehead then delivered an oration, in which he said pointing up and down the river that they were being cornered by not being allowed both banks of the River for miles to fish and hunt on but that they must accept what was offered from those who had given them presents

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Narrows Rivr, Steamer was again resumed our onward course at 2 p.m. ascending thro' a chain of Lakes reached portage at 6.20 p.m. on a boiling Rapids, which the Indians tow with the Loaded Canoes, Crossing the portage about ½ mile long on wh. large Steamer, small propeller Barges and Canoes are hauled over by Oxen at [illegible] ascending several rapids the upper one being exceedingly swift. Encamped for the night & pitching tents at 7.30 p.m. The shores of Lake and river during the days run were as usual low and Swampy - Rained during the night.

Saturday 22nd

Raining heavily, preventing our moving - very high wind during Monday & continuing during night.

Sunday - 23

High wind rain from the N.W. Broke camp at 10.20 am facing the raw and chilly wind with occasional showers, passing thro' a chain of rapids and Expanses the river bank low and swampy.

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the scrubby timber skirting with
water's edge, passed Indian Stream
and Stephens, land at 5 for lunch
at 1.15 p.m. Lunch over, saw a
short portage along Stream
and entered La la Ronde Lake
a fine sheet of water about 25
miles long by 2 in width, fairly
low and grassy, here the Entrance
Portage a grand sandy main
and apparently well used, for
on the S. side of Lake and about
6 miles further down on a point
on the North Shore another grave
here with a Rabbit blanket across
being up, there being a very heavy
Swell on the Lake we stayed along
the North Shore of the Lake, Banks

low in places rocky, for the most sandy
gravel, timber of the usual Kind.
Camped at 5 p.m. about 20 miles down
Lake on a bay opposite the Entrance
here on the Lake, (Scarcely any Islands)
at times, showery, others, clear, slight
during the day.

Monday 29th

Called at 4.30 a.m. Rain ceased
at 5 a.m. light Easterly at 7 a.m.
light clear morning, cold but fine
Morning, paddling down the Lake
facing the still breeze for 5 miles
entered the river, swimming around
Rapids, Decided perhaps by
Rapid too Rough to run with Canoe

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the Line freight, portage 1/8 mile long. as the canoes loaded were over the rapids by the Indians no delay of any length of time was caused, entering the canoes again ran another rapid at foot of rock one hundred & yard broad making them ready to proceed from Albany with cargo, accompanying them were two Indians familiar in canoes, passing on again over rapids over a short fall of the least of about 2 feet, passing this the rapid water came to portage No 2, the timber on the Portage consists of large Elm and poplar with a few small balsams - the Country as viewed from the canoe today presents a very flat appearance bush low and swampy the water

reaching to the water edge. the Portage No 2. Consists of rock is low over in crystals this the rock, after launch. ran several rapids crossing portage No 3, where an Island divides the River into two falls as is generally the case at the head of all the rapids passed the light Canoes were run over the South Falls, the falls is both sides are very steep and in the centre divided by rock, have to proceed about for some distance then to bring a bend about 8'. Portage one mile about One mile long, Canoes again loaded light portage ch 2.25 pass running rapids and rough water, walking around two falls, the former having a straight fall of about 5. the latter about 8'

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a tumbling, rushing, foaming mass of water again falling at the foot about 6'. as usual the falls at the head are divided by an Islands portage about 300' long. 1/2 mile down this comes portage No 2. 1/8 mile long over bad Rock these falls are with the exception of the last no 2 in the longest [illegible] see on the River [illegible] of water passing [illegible] fading on all but the first about 12' within the part 2 miles, the capabilities of the River as a water power producer are immense - at 4 p.m. Head-ends camp

Tuesday 25th

Called at 4 a.m. resuming our journey at 6.20 a.m. running through rapid water and arriving at the portage falls the H.B.C. Post at 7.35 a.m. This Post is situated on a high clay Bank about 25' above the foot of the rapids. Clay Lake falls. The Soil at this Post is the most fertile I have seen on the Albany route, being a mixture of black mouldy soil and white clay. The Gardens at this Post is cultivated well and shows potatoes and turnips well advanced. In front of Mr Isbisters house there is situated an old 6 pdr Carronade. This as far as usefulness is a thing of the

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post. there is also an English Ch.
Steward after Lunch. Chief Wm
Whitehead and a number of the
leading Indians having assembled
a Conference was held Mr Secroff
acting as Interpreter, explaining that
the King had sent his representatives
to negotiate a Treaty with them
and advance their interests as
he wished all his subjects to be
happy and prosperous. also, after
they had entered into Treaty a
present of $. per capita would
be granted this year and an annuity
for life of $ for ensuing, and
that a tract of Land as a reserve
would be set aside for their
sole use and benefit, giving

to each family of five (5) miles on the
no white man would be permitted
to hunt on, cut wood, erect buildings
or even set his foot on without
having first received their sanction,
that they were to elect a Chief and
two Army Chiefs or Councillors who
were to hold office for 3 years unless
deposed at the end of that time
that they must in all things obey the
laws and be subject to same, as
the white man, and would be amenable
to punishment if they were not
good Indians and obedient, that
a copy of the Treaty would be furnished
them as soon as possible when they
and read just what they had
subscribed to

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Thursday 10th

at 10 30 a.m. the Indians were called up in families carefully Counted and passed, no case where Decision prevented any of the family presenting in addition to statements of the Parents or Agents the Rob Boy aged 2, also the Census of the Reserve, satisfied the Commissioners of the No of families and as to the regularity of the meetings. In the evening the Band [illegible] addressed that they had [illegible] and Chief

James Jobb, Simon Roach principal and Simon Cheenow, Councillors

they were then presented with a Union Jack as an emblem of Authority and also to remind them when they unfurled it on all occasions when they met in Council or receiving rations that they were under the protection of the King and must obey all his laws. it was also explained to them that they must not purchase Intoxicating Liquor in any shape or form. they then gave the three cheers for the King and three cheers for the Commissioners - North Shore Inspector for this district (Rob Boy Co) accompanied by McCrae Agent

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, who is on leave of absence, at
Fort Albany arrived from
Charlton Island -

Friday 11th

Sir A. McKenzie and Party left
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
supply depot on the bends from
England and their canoes there
At 10 30 am - the Chief and
Councillors assembled in the
Room Coms Tenbard on after
a short discussion granted
them the following Reserve -

Kenne Moose Factory
In the Province of Ontario
Beginning at a point on the
East shore of Moose River at South
Bluff Creek thence South 6 miles
on the East shore of French River
and of sufficient depth to give
an area of 66 square miles.

[illegible]
of Cattle at the Post also three
Horses - The Indians also have some
Cattle and two Farm Gardens,
Some hay, timothy & prairie hay
by the Company and wild hay -
Red Tops grows in abundance
The Agent Mr Stewart informed
me that in every instance where

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attempted grain failure to mature
the fall frosts destroying the head
while in the milk state.
Bi-annual re addition to allowing
to the enlargement of the Indians
Vaccinator of the Band

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[illegible] Clouds during the afternoon

Sunday 13

Broke Camp at 6.50 a.m. and commenced poling and tracking the above named rapid, keeping the boats a good distance apart. Current, at 2 p.m. had let up for a mile or so and we were making Steady headway against it, very slight current at 3 p.m. entered the Abbitibi River a muddy stream very rapid around which a trail runs one mile long over sharp rocks and boulders. about one mile from the head of the rapids went into camp at 6 p.m. (during the morning we met) two men, in a Peterboro canoe, belonging to the Salvage Party.

Monday 14 -

at 6.50 all being in readiness for our departure, 3 canoes, containing Wm Sulivan, Dubie, and Rogers, and 3 Indians (Brattina) Jacko, [illegible] and Sr Leclair came down the river and stopped at the shore for a few minutes, Mr Sulivan I regret to say had his throat and head tied up, suffering from an infection of the ear, under the left ear, the party I was informed were looking over the

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Country, no geology of same, limits and agricultural should having had a short conversation, he parted, the Indians paddling the canoe over rapid water named Whitby and another rapids, passing Red Rock, and Indians burning Land between happy[illegible] and Algoma Landing for the night. A splendid bank of fine clayey Loam, Limits no pine timber and commodity of Spruce, Balsam poplar and birch, heat this night extremely warm.

Tuesday 15th

Left encamping ground at 6.45 a.m. passing up rapids, stretch after stretch, in some of which were low stone ridges the boulders were to be seen in the channel almost blocking same, in fact the boulders in long rapids rendered the clearing of the current very difficult after ascending the rapids feed up for dinner opposite the Onaka[illegible]na river entering from the East, in the bay passing up Blackomiche rapids the most rapid water of all encountered during this day, went into Camp about 1/2 up [illegible]

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Cockburn Island.

Wednesday 16

Struck camp at 7.10 am passing little Abitibi Rapids [illegible] from the last at 9.40 am, mouth of river is about 2 50' wide, shallow and rapid, the banks a short distance from the river rise to a height of about 60' during the afternoon the Indians poled the canoes against the rapid water, the party consisting of Messrs Scott, Stewart, myself and, Dr Merrill and the Dom policemen, Portages and banana, boulders a distance of 3/4 miles along the shore of the rapids over boulders, fallen timber and broken rock, in places climbing the steep banks and climbing over fallen timber, to get around points where the water prevented from following the shore, during the day very numerous [illegible] Camped at [illegible] on the right hand

Thursday 17.

at 6.20 am. started up the river continuing through rapids along the shore are clay banks. Several portages both of

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are our high ridges, on one of which a slight haul has been made to avoid the Cleaning with packs for[illegible], arriving at Otter Portage at 6 p.m. timber along the river in places burnt - where green is of fair size, composed of Spruce, balsam Poplar, Birch and some cedar & Jack-pine. Camped at 7.

Partly cloudy after rain early part

Friday 18

Arrives at Otter Falls at 7 30 a.m. Portage path [illegible] from the river abruptly, making the ascent the trail is in places rocky otherwise smooth over the pole swamps, moss

in a state of decay how been erected in times gone by, by the H.B.Co. The rapids at the head of the Lake are divided by a rocky Island, the water running thro' a rocky gorge about 150' wide, the volume of water also not sufficient to warrant water power of value.

Portage is 3 miles long, the boats and impedimenta arrive over the head at 9 p.m. during a drizzling rain, no Camp was immediately pitched on the high ground above the head of the rapids timber on the trail burnt - showing

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Saturday 19th

Soon above the falls Indians and Americans for a distance not quite so rapid. Morning bright and Cool. Left Camp at 7 o'clock, the river is bounding and flanked by high hills, gradually increasing in height & Little Falls a Stream running in from the west Mile a Portage around to them. Fall estimated at 40 feet, one mile from New York at which we arrived at 2 o'clock Mr Barrett the Manager accompanied us from Moose factory.

Sunday 20th

Remained in Camp during the day —.

Monday 21st

This morning Three of the Representatives of the Indians assembled in Council and had Terms of Treaty explained to them also Presented Grants, that the King bestowed them a present of $ for the Preceding year and an annuity for all time of $4 — ; —

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provided they accepted the terms
of the treaty, also a issue of land warrants to all heads of
families to be issued in the near future for
their sole use and benefit.
That they were not obliged to
live on same, but also allowed
as heretofore to hunt and fish
where they pleased. That they are
to select a chief who would act on
the band for the ensuing 3 years
or until a successor was elected
in his stead, the chief would
be presented with a flag as an
emblem of office and reminder
that he and his band had agreed
to become good citizens, and obey
the laws of the land. That Mrs.
Barrett would receive provision
for their feast, as this was a
special occasion on which their
all to be happy and enjoy themselves. They were then asked if
John Lutle who was also a
Interpreter if they wished to ask any
questions or say anything in reply.
Angus McDonald replied that they
accepted the terms as stated and
did not wish to put any
obstacles in the way. They were
satisfied, the Treaty was then signed
at 10.55 a.m. the Indians then
departed and when the payments
were completed, commenced
paying the Indians in the afternoon
carefully counting each family as

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It appeared later that the pay table
shortly after the payment had been
completed - The Indians announced
that Isaac Gmakess was their
choice as chief, who was then
presented with the Union Jack -
Rain falling in heavy showers at intervals
during the day - In the evening
the chief accompanied by two of the
leading men of the band consulted
with us as to the Reserve and after
ascertaining the following tract of land
was selected for the New Post Reserve,
Beginning at a Point six miles
South of the most East end of eastern arm
of Lake Brown as Jaguahtagama or
Big Lake, situated about 8 miles in a
South West
from New Post, on the Abitibi Riv

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Sandy Lake at the North east end of the Grand Portage from Penowicak is a fine body of water, six or more miles wide from North to South, ten from East to west. It contains few Islands and those small. The banks of the Lake is clear shores of moderate heights

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and provided a feast for them. When it was explained to them that they could hunt and fish as of old and they were not restricted as to territory, the Reserve merely being a home for them where no white man could interfere or trespass upon, that the land was theirs for ever, they gladly accepted the situation and said they would settle the matter later on. The flag was then presented to the Chief with the admonitions as usual. The feast over, about 9.30 p.m. the Chief and his Councillors came to our quarters saying that they wanted both lands for 50 miles down river as a hunting reserve, again it was put forcibly before them, that it was a home for them that was being provided not a hunting preserve and that they could hunt wherever they pleased, they signified their assent and the following land was allotted on the Albany River in the N.W. Ty beginning at a point one quarter of a mile below the foot of the Rapids known as Martin's Falls, down stream a distance of six miles and of sufficient depth to give an area of 30 square miles.

At 10 p.m. after the usual handshaking they took their departure perfectly satisfied, the mile below Martin Falls and part the allotted reserve has no falls upon it merely a strong current

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before leaving Mr Meindl busies attending to the various ills of the Indians many of whom were suffering from consumption. Vaccinated 47. of the Band from capatty Chisholm.

Wednesday 26th

Called at 5.30 a.m.
Bidding adieu to the H.B.Co Clerk Mr Incroft and shaking hands with the Chief and the assembled Indians, started down Stream at 8.15 a.m. taking a N Easterly course after paddling about 10 miles passed over two small rapids or riffles, the former of wh, the Indians have named Devil rapids about 5 miles further down Stream Swan River also named by the Indians flows into the Albany from the N.West, lunched at 12 m. left at 1.30 p.m. after this here widens out immediately to a width of from ¼ to ½ a mile also dotted with family Large Islands after passing down the river for about 5 miles the Ogoki enters from the South nearly opposite on the North shore two grave apparently of recent date are to be seen in a poplar grove on high ground, railings made of split wood surrounding them. Crossed the Ogoki at 5.30 p.m.

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at 6.30 p.m. tied up for tea
the boats being prepared for the night
tied them together and floated
down stream, walking and running
the rapid parts of the river. Apparently
passed 1 river Encamped flowing
in to the Albany from the S.West
estimated 20 miles during the night
30 miles running, a la[illegible] for
the 24 hours of progress
Rain more during the day and
cold at night.

Thursday 27th

Stopped for breakfast at 9 am
River at this point is narrower flanked
on both sides by high white clay banks
continuing in the same course, tied
up for dinner, leaving at 2.10 pm
a few moments later passed
little Sturgeon River flowing from
the South, sounding for about 3 miles
a large Island divides the River
into two channels the Southern
one leading into Kenogamie or
English River into which entered at 2.50
p.m. River is as large as Montreal
Albany, Current about 2 miles an
hour banks low, sloping to the
water fringed with willows, after
paddling about 1 miles the Indian

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tied our Canoe to the Cape boat
occupied by Mr Ben Cons and rigging
a tow Line to the back canoe the Indians
forward manded in half hour
delays towed the canoes against
the Current in orthodox Canal style
timber, Spruce, balsam, cotton wood
poplar and [illegible]
birch, [illegible] this the day

showery during the afternoon
Camped for the night at 7 p.m.

Friday 28th

Broke Camp at 6.45 a.m. men still
towing the canoes in half hour
delays, course Southerly.

during the morning passed a
small river flowing from the west
at 11.20 met 2 Indians and Spaniard
who gave the information that there
were no Indians at the post but that
they would push on and attempt
to get them together. at 12.40 p.m.
passed unnamed river flowing
from [illegible]
following a Southerly course
Excessively warm during the day
Camped for the night at 7 p.m.
heard post during the night

Saturday 29th

Called at 9 a.m. Broke Camp

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at 5.30. Morning very cold. starting again on a similar course against a strong current. the timber along the River on the left bank has been burnt and is prostrate. in many places for miles up towards the Head quarters the Hills appear as if covered with snow and for the rest of the day shoals in sight. coming up the River [illegible] by families encamped, drawing & preparing their [illegible] as they are to join the band we descend to assign them to the Albany band as they are also [illegible] on the English [illegible] paid Mr. [illegible]

Reservation. On Kegnogami or English River in the Province of Ontario, beginning at a point three miles below Hds Bay Post on the north side of the River

Known as English River thence north a frontage of 3 miles and of sufficient depth to provide 1 square for each family of five of the ascertained members of the band

Sunday 30

Rained all night. Indians [illegible] and busy making canoes and [illegible] to their feast on the last grass of the season.

Monday 31

Upstat weather, heavy frost this morn. very cold. regd. left the Post at 5.30 a.m. running down the River and clearing at 12 m. running over course at 1.15 p.m. reaching the Albany at 6 p.m.

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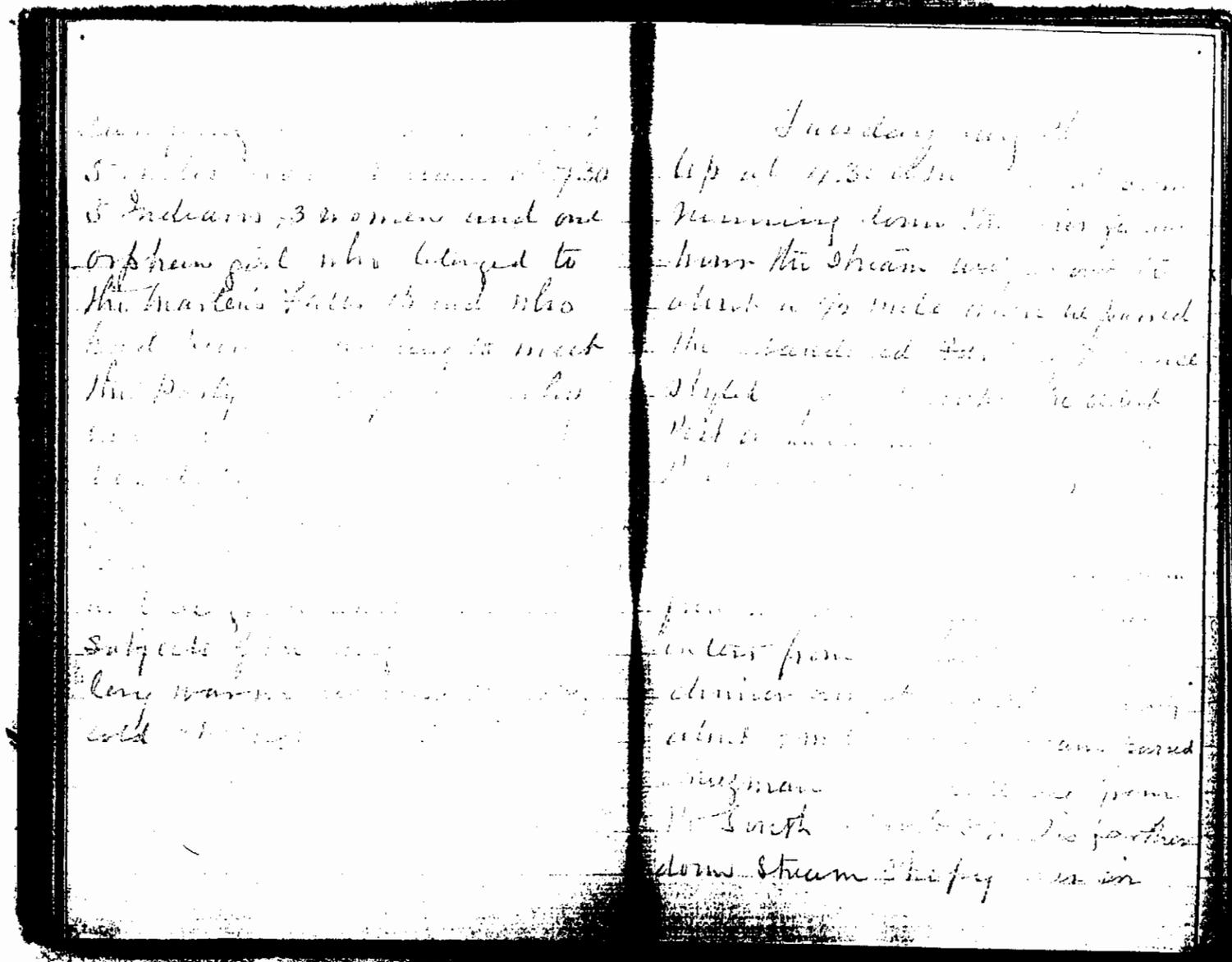

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back of Banks of Abbey Dore

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and clean. There are also two priests and 11 Brothers of the Black Order. Cattle are kept by the Red Bay people, potatoes, rhubarb and vegetables grown in the garden.

After getting warmed up at the manager's residence, and partaking of dinner the leading Indians not absent were assembled [illegible] the Officer [illegible] to them his Excellency Lord Dufferin that the Queen had authorized him to enter into Treaty with them as he wished all his subjects both whites and Indians to be happy and prosperous and that he wished to set aside a tract of land for their sole use and benefit upon which no white man would be permitted to trespass, that also during the usual term covered after the signing of the Treaty made as present this year of $5 per capita and an annuity during all time of $4 per annum, that an Agent would be appointed to meet them at a season to be agreed upon and he would pay [illegible] present absentees [illegible] that they [illegible] that they would be [illegible] after signing the Treaty as soon as the pay list were prepared, also that the King Island orders a feast for them in commemoration of this event which would not be continued year after year being provided this year on account

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[illegible] obtaining the Treaty year, they were also explained that as many of their land being absent at the Meeting of Chiefs & Councillors would be deprived each next year when they [illegible] a meeting and that on the Election of Chief he would be given a flag such he was to fly on all occasions when entering or [illegible] Officers and [illegible] after the term of [illegible] expired & that [illegible] Medal [illegible] Then a Medal of King Head and Flag to stay in whom Wm Goodeve [illegible] said that they were very glad to accept the terms as stated, that the King was good & that this present would help them very much. Then would be one

ready to sign the Treaty which was duly signed at 3.30 p.m.

Friday 4th

The party [illegible] being completed the Indians were called up in families, carefully counted and paid

In the afternoon we paid an official visit to the R.C. Convent and Hospital, which is accommodated for 25 children, varying in ages and all are under the [illegible] of sisters who besides being teachers are trained nurses and attend to the sick Indians who come for treatment to the Hotel Dieu Hospital. We also visited the

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Church which is and ideal chapel the painting and ornamentation having been done by Bro Hambly who has in his Church has an ideal church Hope done all the [illegible] with a Bushel Knife, the work is beautifully executed and crowned as well it may deserve holding either with the native fruit and [illegible] Bro Hambly [illegible] Church [illegible] Bro Hambly [illegible] house Lastly with expenses for the Post and [illegible] Bro Hambly [illegible] Palmer of the House of Providence who dined and had a conversation with during the afternoon on matters connected with his mission [illegible]

Saturday 5th

During the day attended to [illegible] pay sheets and in the evening attended the Indian feast which was held at 7 p.m. when the Indians met to [illegible] Chas Stephens arose and read a letter from Bro Goodwin thanking the Rev for his kindness in giving them a present of money which would help them along and providing food for them, they then before leaving gave three cheers for the King and three cheers for the

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Commissioners, Bishop Holmes leading. They th[illegible] dispersed and went to their homes Continued rain [illegible] at 5 p.m. Further Forward flying the Union Jack at the stern of his Canoe arrived at the N. W. Company [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Tuesday 5th

3.30 ams, crossed the bar and entered the river at 4.30 ams arriving at the factory at 10 ams Moose Factory is situated on one of the large Islands in Moose River and evidently from the number of stone houses and residences now abandoned a large business was done here at one time by the Hudson Bay Company as the ground is low and marshy, also for all the land along the coast and for some distance inland, the canoes carrying stone coming to this port. In addition to the factory building there is a Mission Church and Bishop and Curate Residences. The flags at the factory and mission were both flying in honour of our

dead, on the high ground opposite the dock at each we landed two British Brass field guns are mounted bearing the Coat of Arms of the late Queen Victoria, also the badge of the regiment with the words, "Primus in Indis" Guns are of the date of 1803.

There is also a small Hospital attached to the Mission, and there also a teacher for the School that the Bishop has in anticipation

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Wednesday 9th

At 10 a.m. The representative members of the Band & the Commissioners were assembled in an upper room of the Hbc Bay Store house. It was then explained to them that the Queen [illegible] to make [illegible] them to be happy and prosperous and that if they entered into treaty they would be protected, also the King had sent them a present this year of £ and would grant them an annuity per capita of £ per annum for all time

that when they were ready for same Schools would be established for the purpose of educating their children it was also explained that it was the usual custom to provide a feast for them after the treaty was signed and that Mr Stewart the Hbc Bay Companys Agent would provide them with all necessary for their feast that a Reservation would be set aside for them, giving each family of 5 a square mile, that they were not obliged to live on it until they felt inclined, that they could follow their custom of hunting when they pleased the area of land simply being set aside on their own account no white man could Trespass or enter upon

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without their permission, also they have expected to elect a chief and advisors and that the chief on election would be provided with a flag and on his succession being elected the flag being a badge or sign of Authority was to be transferred.

They [illegible] had anything to say [illegible] that they [illegible] and finally that they answered all that had been said that it was agreed and reasonable, that they have understood that they would be better cared for and protected by the King, that they would obey his laws and be good and dutiful subjects, that under the Laws their children would be protected and properly educated, that they [illegible] the King for the present offered as they were [illegible] help them

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[illegible] a.m. the [illegible] in the afternoon the Party have not [illegible] gone into and prepared.

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