TROUT LAKE INDIANS SPEND TREATY MONEY

Braves Buy Mouth Organs and Squaws Indulge in Bright Beads and Shawls.

TORONTO, Ont.—(By the Canadian Press)—Far from the busy haunts of men the Indians of Trout Lake and Lansdowne Landing areas retain characteristics of the Red men of old and still seem as easily tickled with bright "gewgaws" as ever, notwithstanding that these places are in the Province of Ontario and the Indians there are within hailing distance of civilization. This was demonstrated to Captain W. Roy Maxwell, director of the Provincial Flying Service, who with W. C. Cain, Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests, recently flew to Trout Lake to negotiate the last great Indian Treaty on behalf of the Ontario Government. Captain Maxwell piloted the air ship.

In interviews Captain Maxwell told

of the primitive ways of the Indians in these areas, each of whom was paid eight crisp one dollar bills for approximately 128,000 square miles of territory in a down payment of less than $6,000. The day the treaty was concluded and payment made was a glorious day for the Indian braves and their squaws. They had money to spend—eight whole dollars—and they spent it, too. The Hudson's Bay Company agents were on hand to serve the new-rich with nice bright beads and shawls and sweaters and various kinds of musical instruments, including mouth organs and small phonographs, and there were candies for the children. When their treaty money was spent the Indians went back to their fishing and potato-growing, doubtless with happy memories of their big day with the pale faces. Treaty money was paid to 577 Indians at Trout Lake, the sum total being $4,616. Besides the down payment of $8 an annuity of $4 is included in the treaty.

In connection with the payment of the treaty money a story is told of the chief of the tribe at Trout Lake who showed something of the white man's guile. He asked if the marriage of a half-breed woman to a full-blooded Indian would make a half-breed woman eligible for the initial $8 and the $4 annuity. He was interested because his son was in love with a pretty half-breed. On being informed that in such a case the woman would be regarded as a full-blooded Indian the chief darted off to find his son, and later the happy lovers were joined in wedlock by the Anglican missionary at the post, thus drawing down $16 of government money.

When the treaty was signed by the chief on behalf of the Indians he was given slips of paper to hand to every member of the tribe eligible for payment. Every male Indian over 21 years of age, every widow and every maiden over 21 years was eligible. These all wrote down their names and ages in their own language. The Union Jack was hoisted over the Dominion Commissioner's tent and payment thereupon began, each person being paid the $8 on presentation of the slips bearing his or her name.

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Well, Dad and sister have finally gone home and the old town seems very quiet without them.

Sis certainly hated to go. She had a wonderful time and was rushed from the minute she got here. She was all for staying and taking a job in town, but Dad wouldn't hear of it. He said it was bad enough to lose one of his daughters, and he certainly wasn't going to lose his baby, too. Well, she is too young. But I don't doubt that she'll get her own way some day and will come here to stay.

She had accumulated so many things during her stay that I will have to ship some of her stuff after her. Of course, she did quite a lot of shopping herself, but she received a lot of gorgeous things as gifts, too.

I gave her earrings and she was thrilled with them because she thinks they make her look older and more sophisticated. Imagine wanting to look older!

She begged Dad so hard to let her stay with us for awhile longer, but he said that she simply must go back with him. Mother and he would be lost without their baby. She certainly threatened all sorts of things, among others that she'd show everybody in town the things she had bought and