

"the Thousand Islands" and over the Lachienne Rapids, mingles with that of the Gulf of St Lawrence. Another stream flows from near the head of the Mississippi. Red River flows from the edge of the Prairie, first westward, but soon changes its course, and passes in a northerly direction till the frozen regions stay its farther progress.

These mentioned, are the principal rivers from which they drank in that happy time when they knew not of that insidious foe,—“the fire water.”

In addition to these there are a number of rivers, which, in any other country would be considered “great.” Those flowing into the Mississippi are the Crow-wing, St. Croix, Chippeway, and Wisconsin. Those flowing into the St. Lawrence are the Montreal and Burnt-wood. I speak of those in the Ojibway country. Near Huron are the Mohawk, Sagianaw, Tranti, and others running their waters into the Lakes.

When I look upon the land of the Ojibways I cannot but be convinced of the fact that in no other portion of the world can there be a territory more favored by Heaven. The waters are abundant and good; the air bracing and healthy; and the soil admirably adapted for agricultural purposes. It is not much to be wondered at that in such a climate, such a strong, athletic and hardy race of men should exist, as the Ojibways are generally acknowledged to be. In fact, they could scarcely be otherwise. There is as much differ-