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OLIVIA,  
I CAN'T BELIEVE  
WE WERE ASSIGNED  
THE MISSISSAUGA  
CREDIT MISSION.

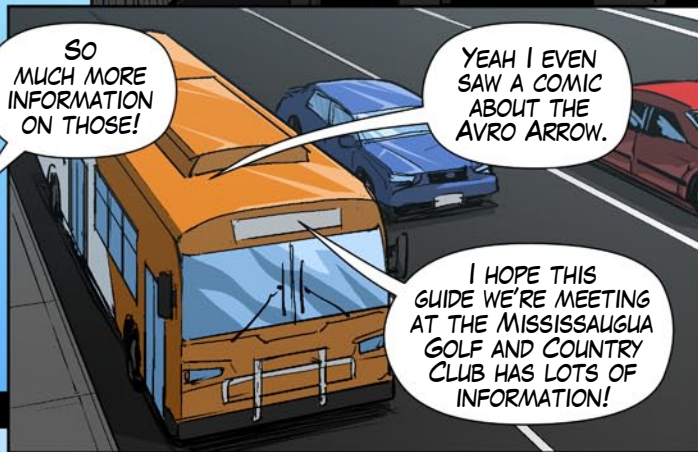
THERE IS SO  
LITTLE WRITTEN  
ABOUT IT!

WHY COULDN'T  
WE HAVE GOTTEN  
THE AVRO ARROW OR  
SOMETHING FROM  
FIRST WORLD WAR?

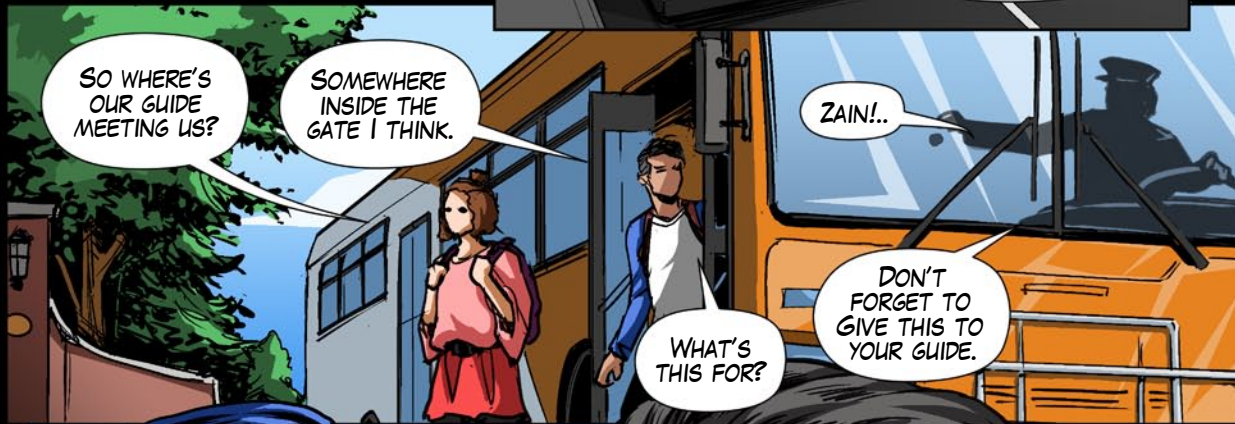


SO  
MUCH MORE  
INFORMATION  
ON THOSE!

YEAH I EVEN  
SAW A COMIC  
ABOUT THE  
AVRO ARROW.



I HOPE THIS  
GUIDE WE'RE MEETING  
AT THE MISSISSAUGA  
GOLF AND COUNTRY  
CLUB HAS LOTS OF  
INFORMATION!



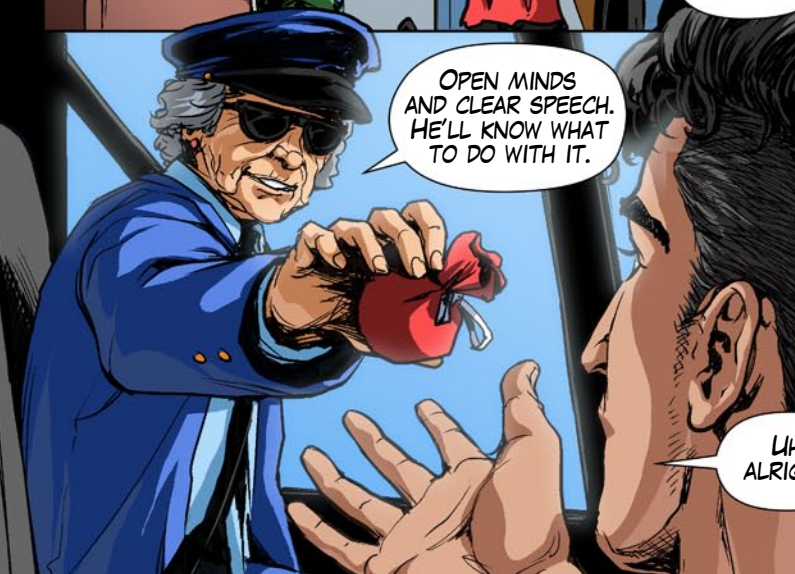
SO WHERE'S  
OUR GUIDE  
MEETING US?

SOMEWHERE  
INSIDE THE  
GATE I THINK.

ZAIN!..

WHAT'S  
THIS FOR?

DON'T  
FORGET TO  
GIVE THIS TO  
YOUR GUIDE.



OPEN MINDS  
AND CLEAR SPEECH.  
HE'LL KNOW WHAT  
TO DO WITH IT.

UH,  
ALRIGHT.



WEIRD...  
HOW DID SHE  
KNOW MY  
NAME?...





YOU KNOW, NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, IT MUST HAVE BEEN REALLY HARD FOR THE PEOPLE TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES AT THE MISSION.

AND IT'S SAD THAT IT'S STILL HAPPENING TODAY. ALL AROUND THE WORLD DUE TO CONFLICT PEOPLE ARE STILL HAVING TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES.

IT'S AWFUL AND I'M GLAD IT HAS NEVER HAPPENED TO ME.

I'M REALLY GLAD THAT I HAVE A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE.



UH... DO WE USUALLY GET MIST LIKE THIS IN THE CITY?

THIS IS NEW TO ME!



IS THAT OUR GUIDE? I CAN'T SEE!

MUST BE.



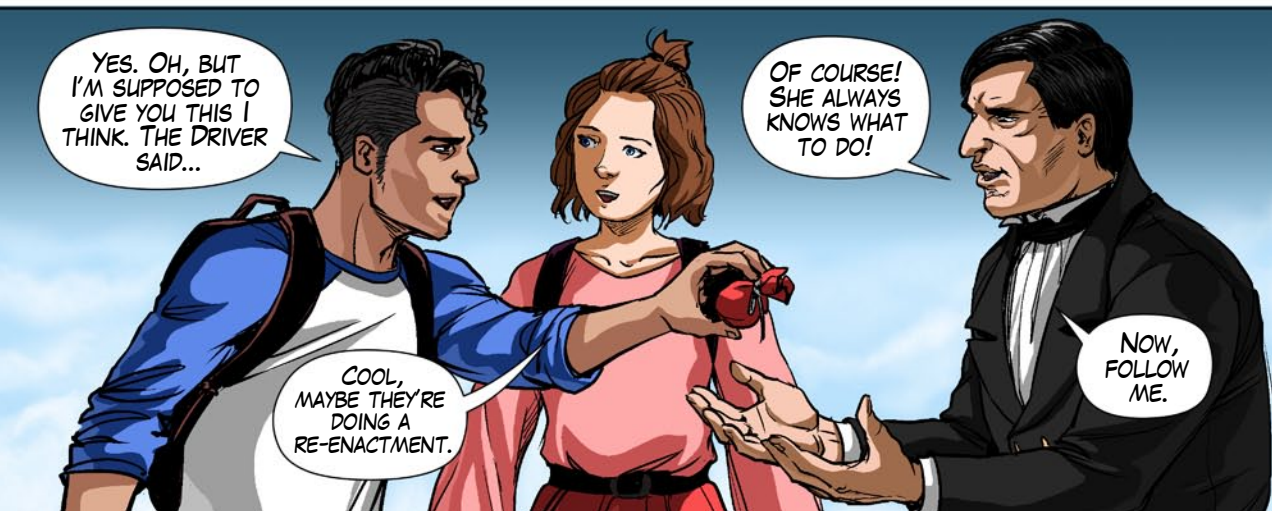
PETER JONES.

PLEASURE TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE.



WAIT, JONES? LIKE, REVEREND JONES OF THE CREDIT MISSION?

ARE YOU READY TO LEARN ABOUT MY PEOPLE?



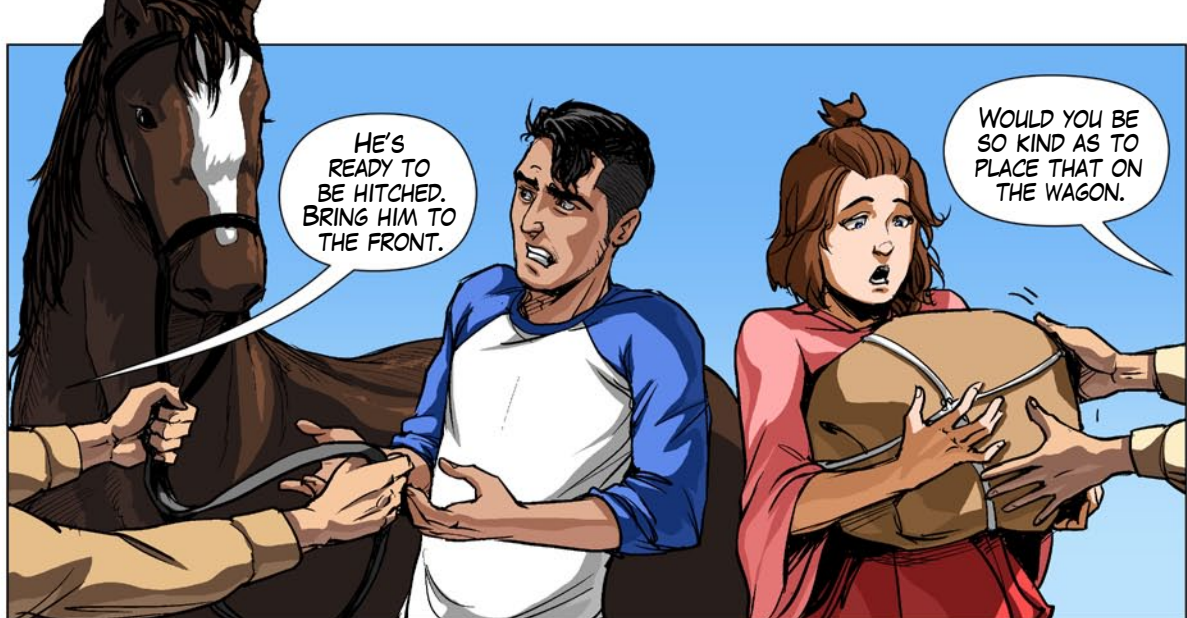
YES. OH, BUT I'M SUPPOSED TO GIVE YOU THIS I THINK. THE DRIVER SAID...

OF COURSE! SHE ALWAYS KNOWS WHAT TO DO!

COOL, MAYBE THEY'RE DOING A RE-ENACTMENT.

NOW, FOLLOW ME.





HE'S  
READY TO  
BE HITCHED.  
BRING HIM TO  
THE FRONT.

WOULD YOU BE  
SO KIND AS TO  
PLACE THAT ON  
THE WAGON.



WAIT...  
WEREN'T WE AT  
THE GOLF CLUB  
A MINUTE AGO?

YEAH....  
AND THIS IS WAY TOO  
REAL TO BE JUST A  
RE-ENACTMENT. LOOK AT  
ALL THE ROWS OF HOUSES  
AND HORSE-DRAWN  
CARRIAGES!

IS EVERYTHING  
READY BROTHER  
THOMAS?

JUST ABOUT,  
REVEREND. BETSEY  
IS GETTING THE  
CHILDREN AS WE  
SPEAK.



HERE, YOU  
DROPPED  
THIS.

WHAT DO  
YOU SAY,  
MARY?

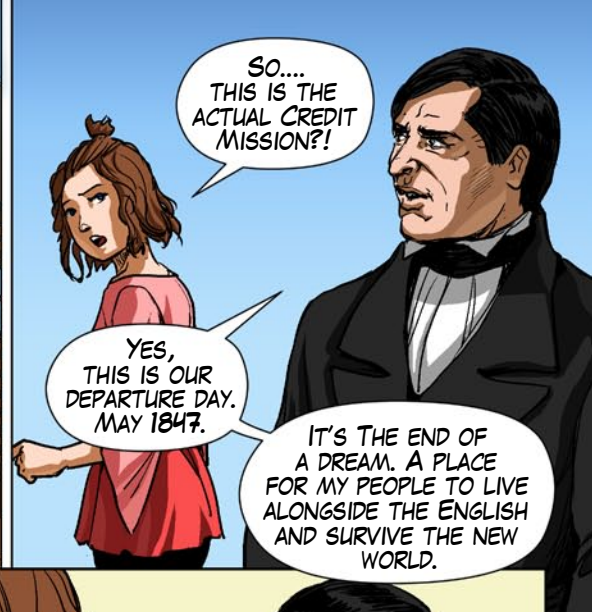
MIIGWECH.





SO, WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?

WE HAVE TO TAKE EVERYTHING AND LEAVE. EVEN THOUGH THIS IS OUR HOME.



SO.... THIS IS THE ACTUAL CREDIT MISSION?!

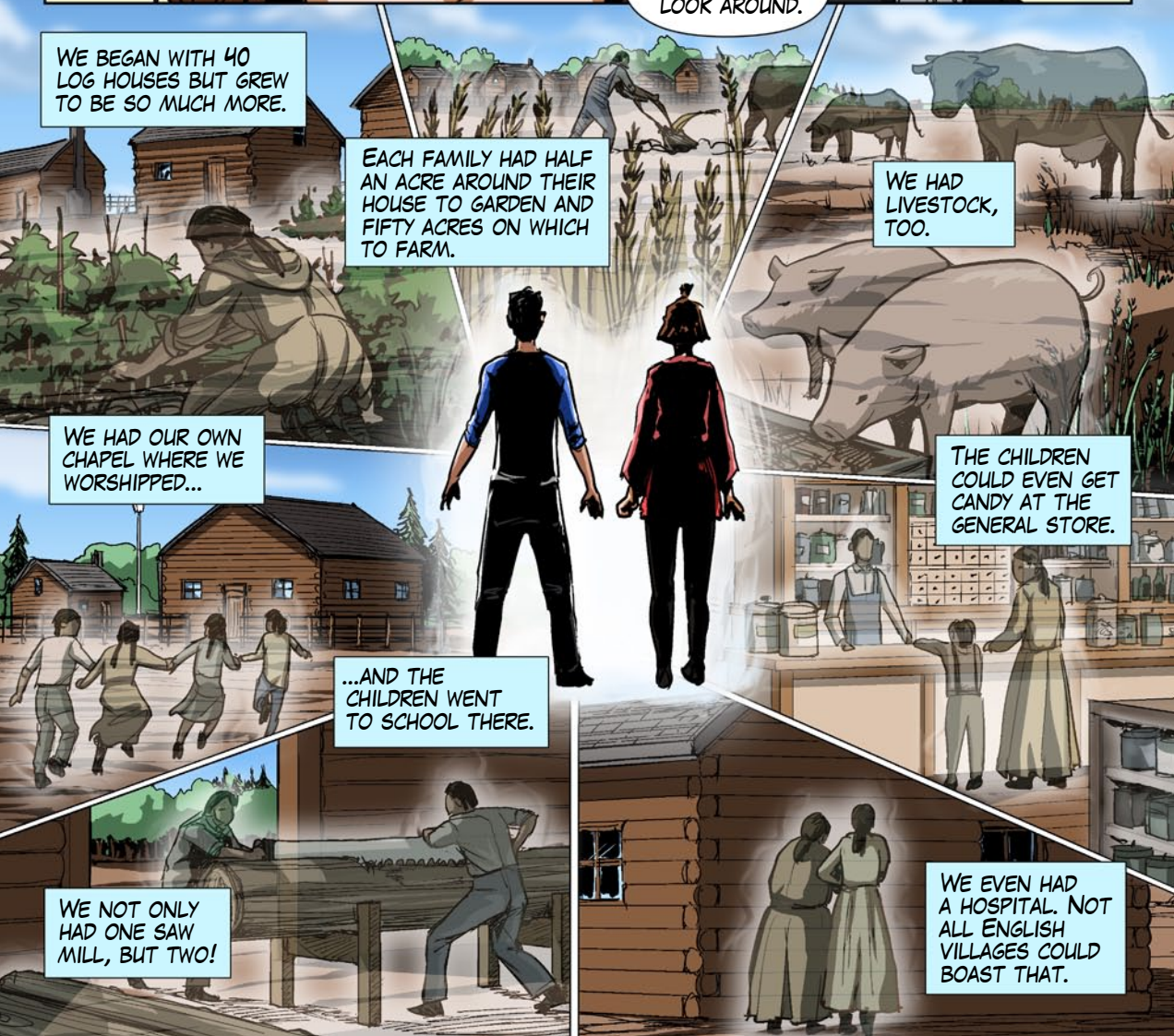
YES, THIS IS OUR DEPARTURE DAY. MAY 1847.

IT'S THE END OF A DREAM. A PLACE FOR MY PEOPLE TO LIVE ALONGSIDE THE ENGLISH AND SURVIVE THE NEW WORLD.



I WISH WE COULD HAVE SEEN IT BEFORE ALL THIS CHAOS.

MAYBE YOU STILL CAN. OPEN YOUR MINDS AND LOOK AROUND.



WE BEGAN WITH 40 LOG HOUSES BUT GREW TO BE SO MUCH MORE.

EACH FAMILY HAD HALF AN ACRE AROUND THEIR HOUSE TO GARDEN AND FIFTY ACRES ON WHICH TO FARM.

WE HAD LIVESTOCK, TOO.

WE HAD OUR OWN CHAPEL WHERE WE WORSHIPPED...

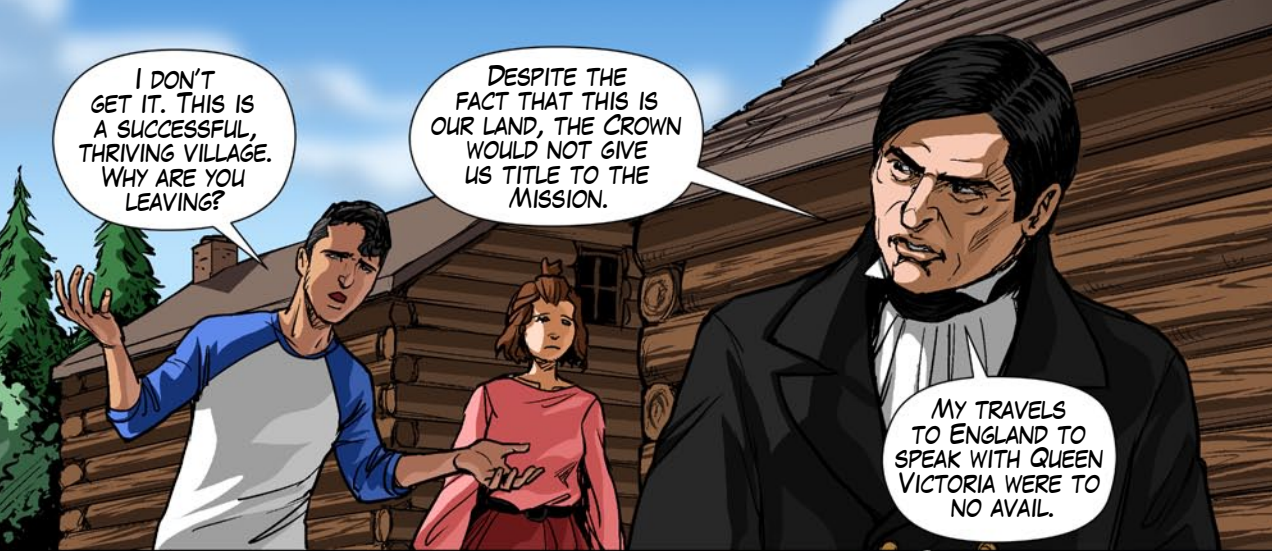
THE CHILDREN COULD EVEN GET CANDY AT THE GENERAL STORE.

...AND THE CHILDREN WENT TO SCHOOL THERE.

WE NOT ONLY HAD ONE SAW MILL, BUT TWO!

WE EVEN HAD A HOSPITAL. NOT ALL ENGLISH VILLAGES COULD BOAST THAT.

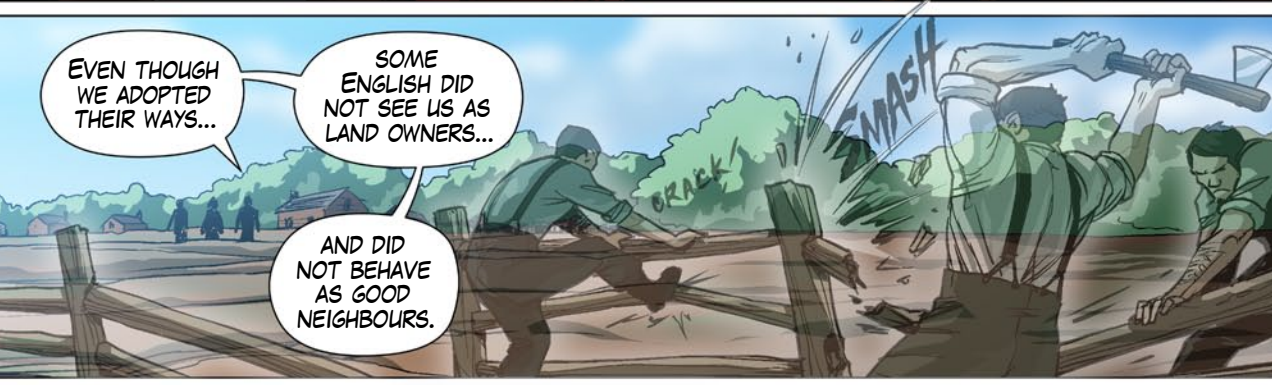




I DON'T GET IT. THIS IS A SUCCESSFUL, THRIVING VILLAGE. WHY ARE YOU LEAVING?

DESPITE THE FACT THAT THIS IS OUR LAND, THE CROWN WOULD NOT GIVE US TITLE TO THE MISSION.

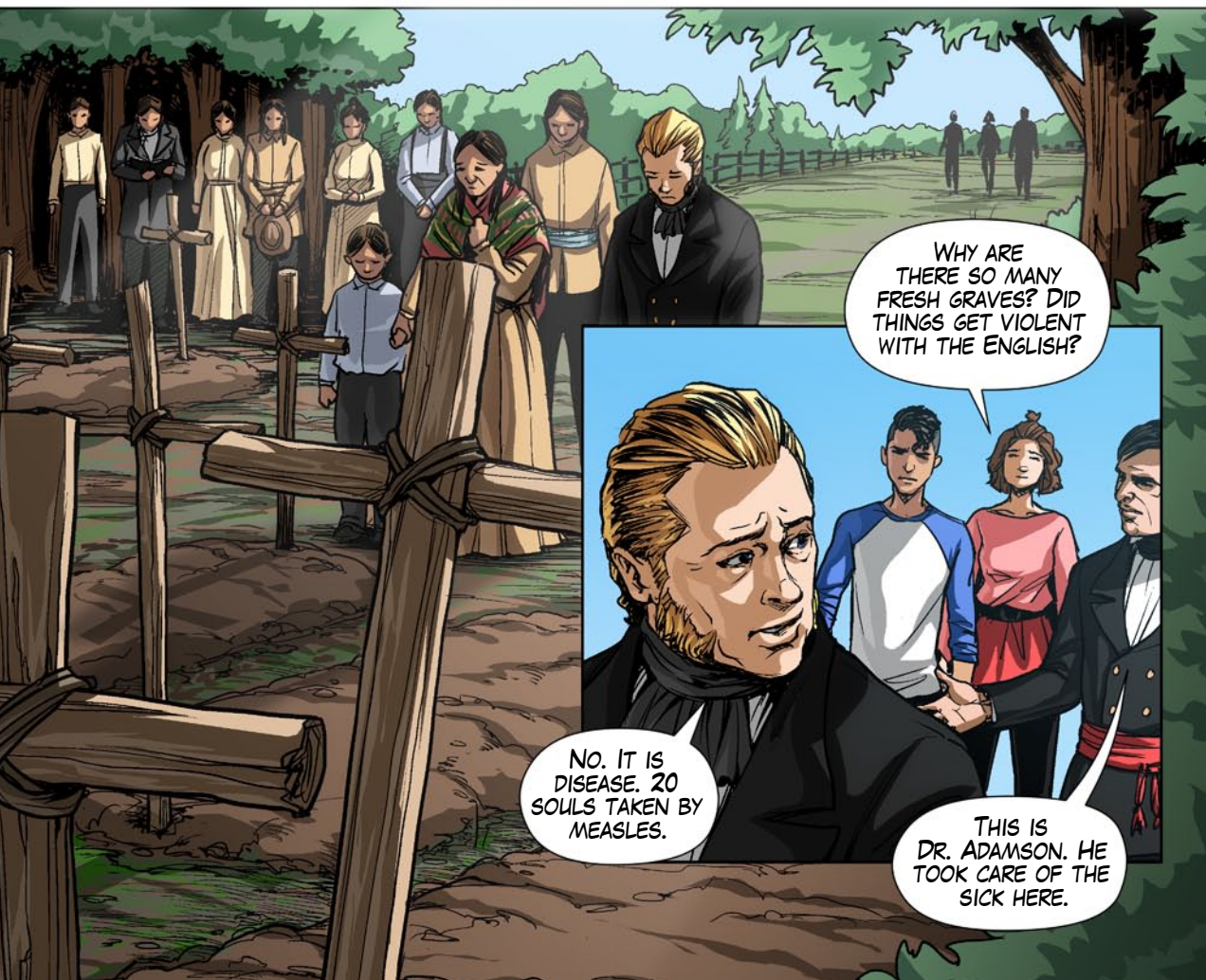
MY TRAVELS TO ENGLAND TO SPEAK WITH QUEEN VICTORIA WERE TO NO AVAIL.



EVEN THOUGH WE ADOPTED THEIR WAYS...

SOME ENGLISH DID NOT SEE US AS LAND OWNERS...

AND DID NOT BEHAVE AS GOOD NEIGHBOURS.



WHY ARE THERE SO MANY FRESH GRAVES? DID THINGS GET VIOLENT WITH THE ENGLISH?

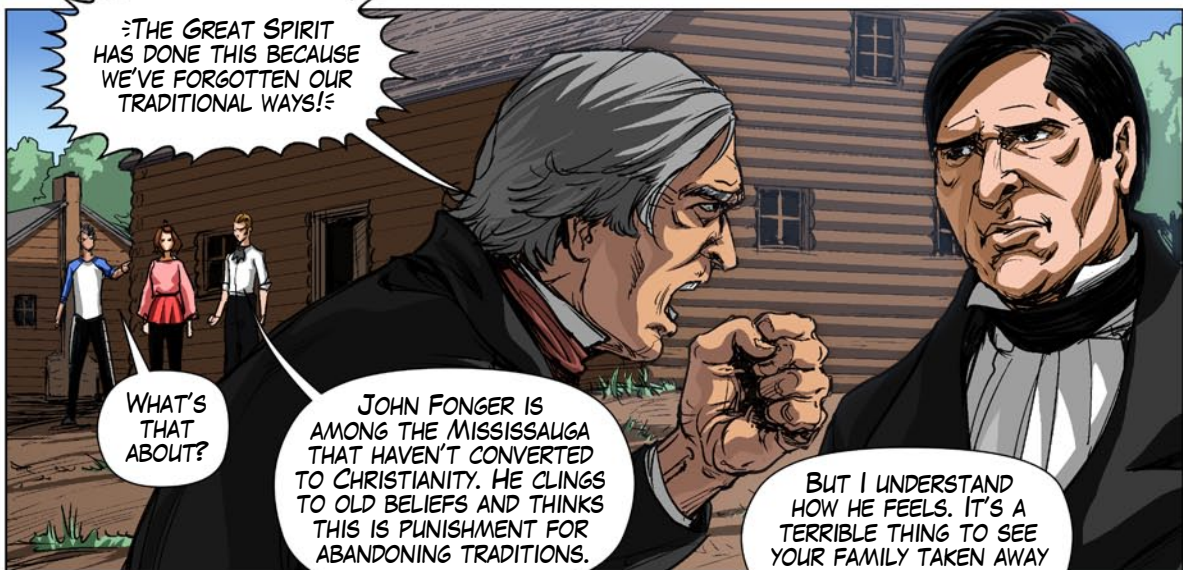
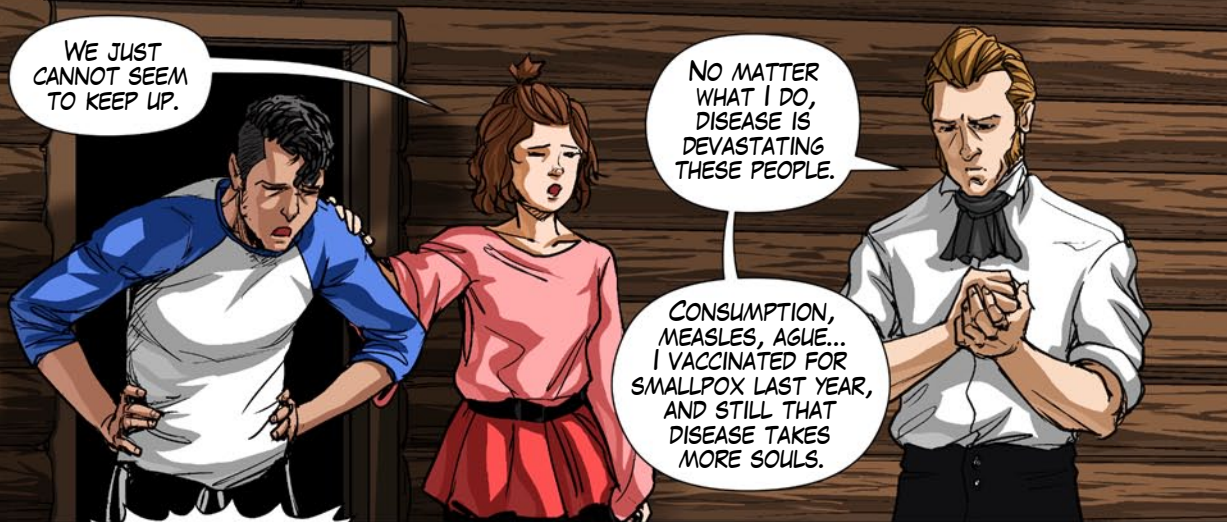
NO. IT IS DISEASE. 20 SOULS TAKEN BY MEASLES.

THIS IS DR. ADAMSON. HE TOOK CARE OF THE SICK HERE.













I GUESS  
MR. FONGER  
WON'T BE GOING  
WHEN YOU  
LEAVE.

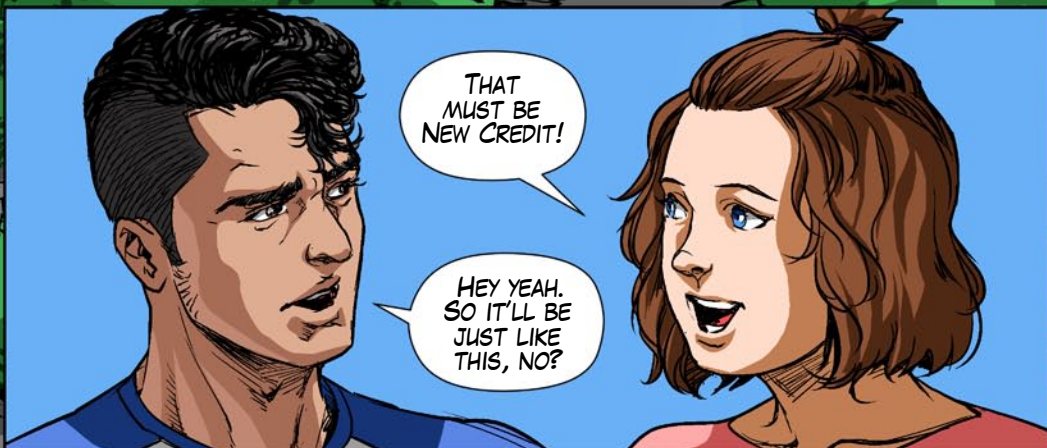
LIKELY HE WILL  
NOT. BUT THAT  
IS HIS CHOICE. HE  
IS NOT ALONE  
IN THAT.

WHERE ARE  
YOU SUPPOSED  
TO GO?

THE CROWN  
SET ASIDE LAND  
FOR US AT THE  
BRUCE  
PENINSULA.

BUT WE  
CANNOT GO THERE.  
WE ARE DETERMINED TO  
FARM LAND, AS THE  
ENGLISH DO, AND THE  
BRUCE PENINSULA  
IS TOO STONY.

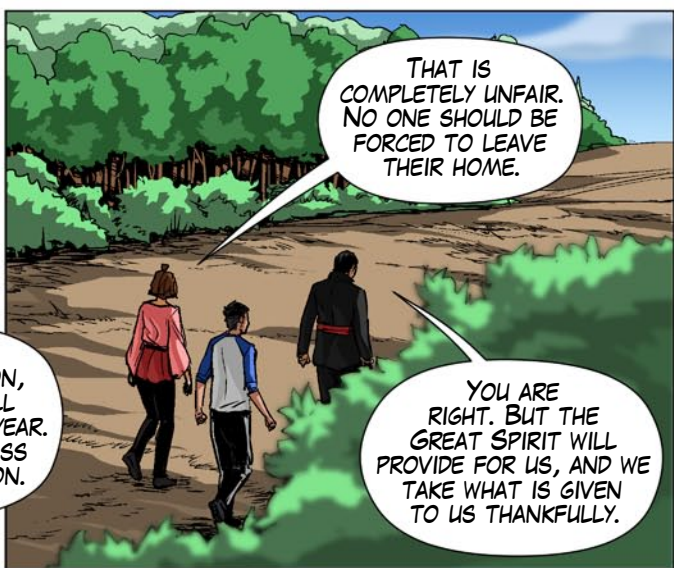
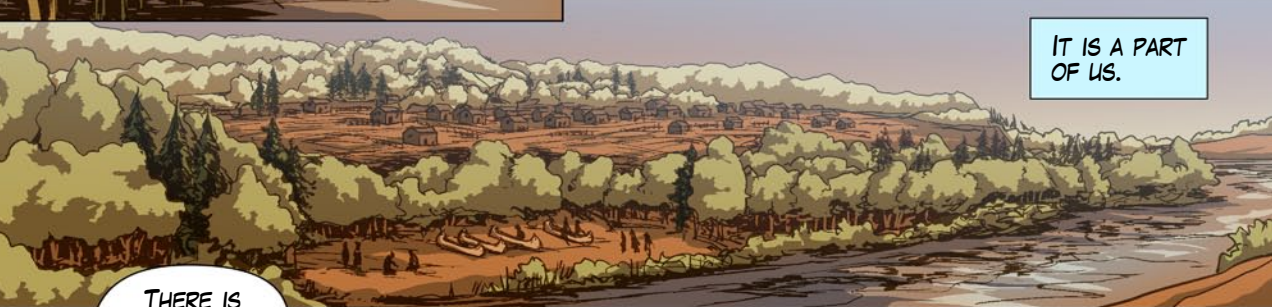
INSTEAD, WE  
ARE MOVING SOUTH  
TO ANOTHER PART  
OF OUR TRADITIONAL  
TERRITORY.



THAT  
MUST BE  
NEW CREDIT!

HEY YEAH.  
SO IT'LL BE  
JUST LIKE  
THIS, NO?









THIS IS WHERE  
WE ONCE HELD A  
GREAT COUNCIL.

I WAS A  
SMALL CHILD THEN,  
BUT I REMEMBER  
MEMBERS FROM ALL  
THE CLAN VILLAGES  
ATTENDED THE  
COUNCIL.

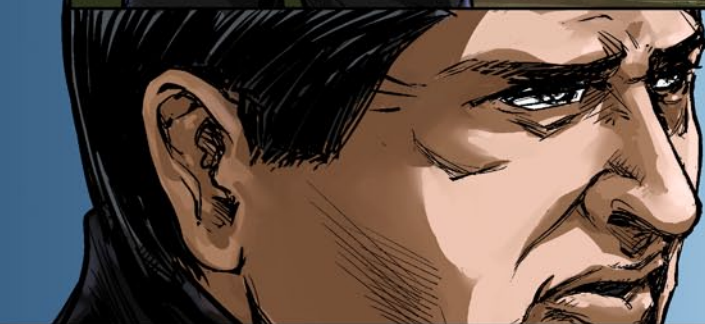
YOUNG, OLD,  
WOMEN, MEN;  
THEY ALL HAD  
A PLACE BY  
THE FIRE.

THE CROWN WANTED  
THEIR PEOPLE TO SETTLE  
ON OUR LAND, AND THERE  
WAS INTENSE DEBATE.



BUT  
ULTIMATELY, WE  
AGREED TO SHARE  
OUR LAND.

LITTLE DID  
WE KNOW THEY  
WERE TAKING IT  
PERMANENTLY.



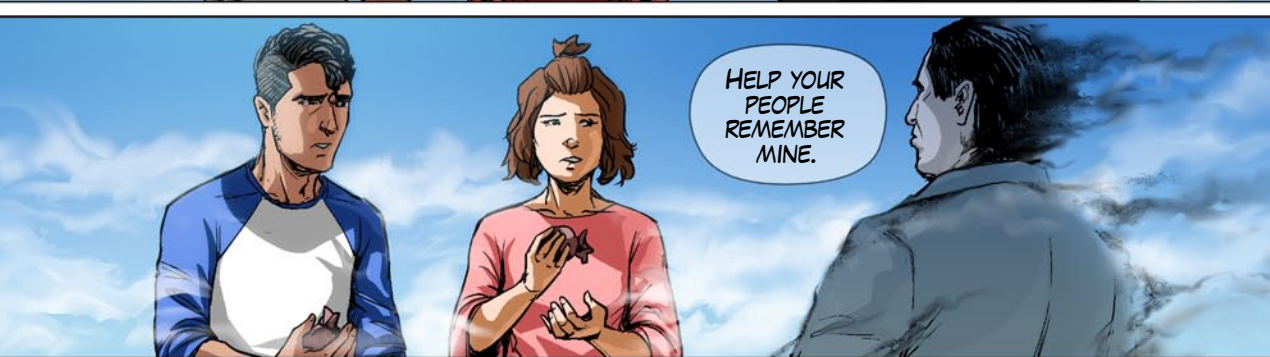
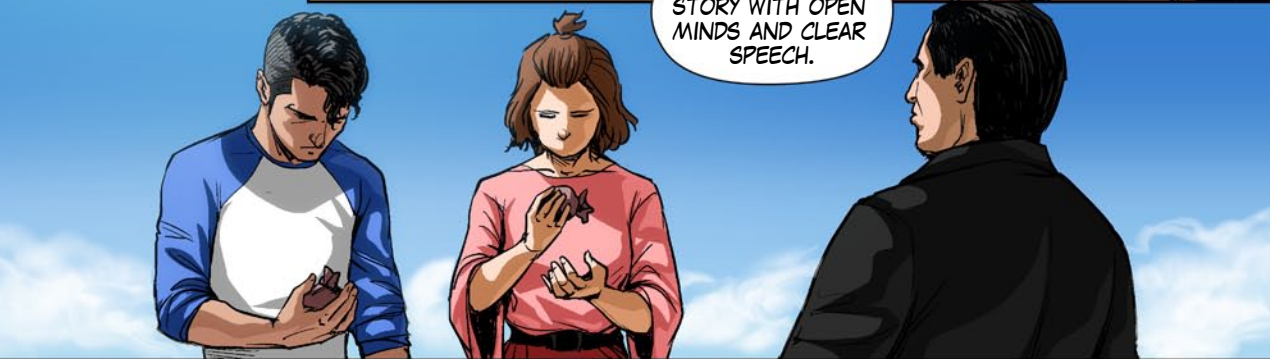
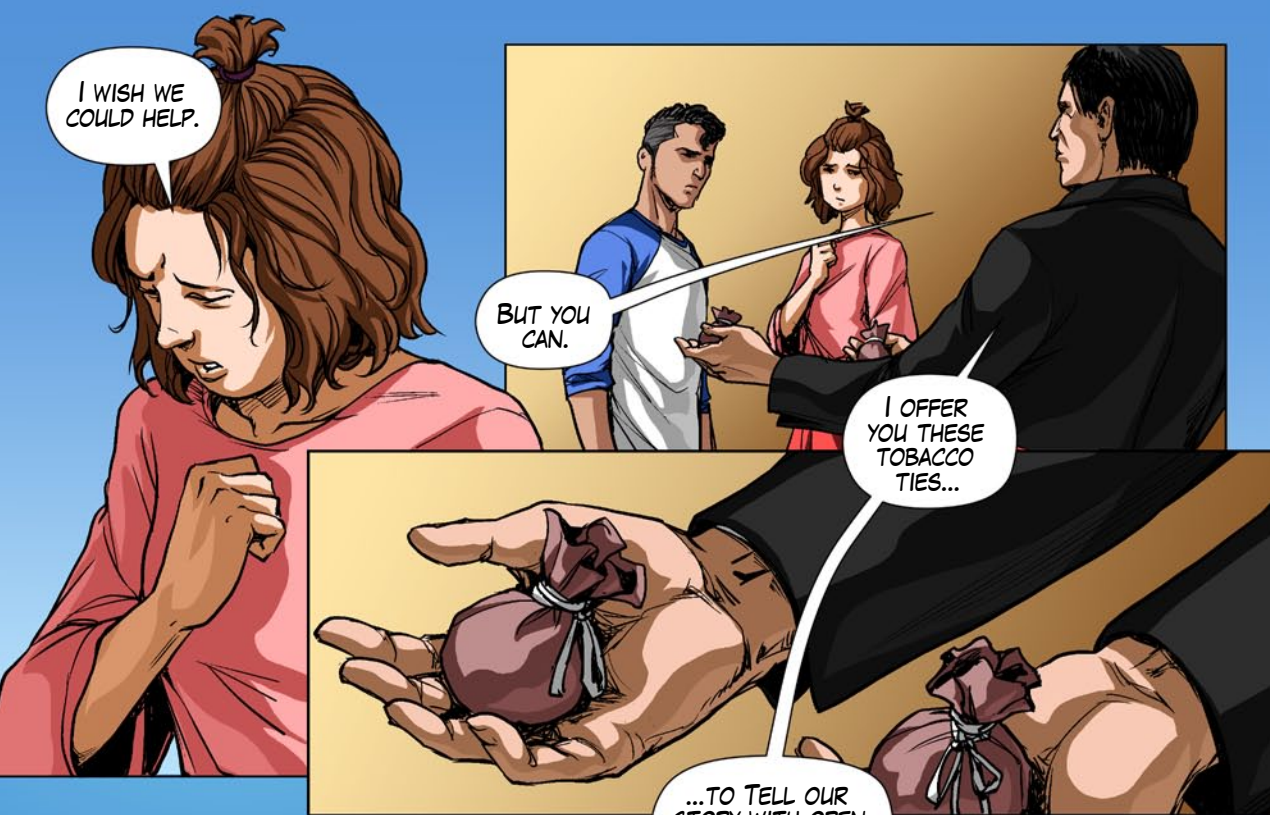
I OFTEN  
WONDER... IF WE HAD  
MADE A DIFFERENT  
CHOICE THEN, WOULD  
WE BE IN A DIFFERENT  
PLACE, NOW?



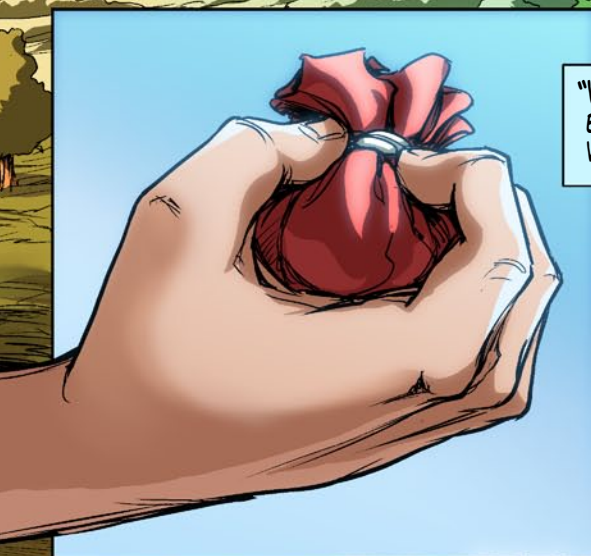
BUT WE ARE  
A STRONG  
PEOPLE.

WE WILL  
SURVIVE, NO  
MATTER  
WHAT.









"WE MUST REMIND EVERYONE WHO OUR CITY WAS NAMED AFTER..."



"WITH OPEN MINDS AND CLEAR SPEECH..."



"AND DON'T EVER LET THEM FORGET IT."



# the credit mission

BY OLIVIA AND ZAIN



*Reverend Peter Jones, portrait by Matilda Jones, 1832*

Elected as Chief of the Mississaugas in 1829, Reverend Peter Jones (1802-1856) sought to establish a firm economic base for the community, to protect the fisheries from encroachment, and to bring Christianity and formal education in the Credit Mission. To this end, the village became home to a Methodist Chapel and to a schoolhouse. By 1837 the village grew to include some 52 family dwellings.

The Credit Mission, also known as the Credit Indian Village, was partly located on the site of what is now the Mississaugua Golf and Country Club. The Credit Mission was part of the Government's plan to assimilate and settle the Mississaugas of the Credit in one area and to allow for settlement on the surrounding lands. The Mission was built in 1826 under the direction of Peter Jones (Kahkewaquaonaby) and Colonel James Givens, the Superintendent of Indian Affairs. The village was located on the high ground overlooking the Credit River, while the valley lands along the river were cultivated for farming.



*Sketch of the Credit River Methodist Mission by Eliza Field Jones, 1833*



*Typical Indian Residence, Indian Village, from The Daily Star Perkins Bull Collection, PAMA*

The Credit Mission thrived for more than a decade. Pressure from surrounding settlement, the inability to secure title to their lands, and a decline in population led the Mississaugas to relocate to the New Credit Reserve in 1847. The village itself eventually vanished. The meeting lodge, a barn, and a building that was called the "Chief's Residence", stood until the 1920s. Since 1906 the property has been home to the Mississaugua Golf and Country Club. Even a portion of Mississauga Road which once ran through the village was realigned, obscuring the original site. However, on a high bank overlooking the river, likely remains the cemetery from the Credit Mission.



*Sketch of the Mississauga Mission Village on the Credit River by Egerton Ryerson, 1827*

The decision to leave the Credit River was not an easy one. Peter Jones and the Mississaugas had contemplated leaving as early as 1840, influenced by several factors, including encroachment from settlers and the inability to secure land title. By 1846 the land at the Credit Mission was surveyed for settlement and time was running out at the Credit River. In the Spring of 1847, 266 Mississaugas left the Credit River, and followed Peter Jones to New Credit, south of Brantford, where many of their descendants live today. In 2014, on part of the former village site along Mississauga Road and adjacent to the Mississaugua Golf and Country Club, the Sacred Garden (Chi-twa Tiganes) was unveiled, commemorating the Credit Mission Village.

The Indigenous Mississaugas lived lightly and left little physical evidence of their time on this land.



*Old Chief's House, Indian Village, Robertson's Landmarks of Toronto*

A<sup>+</sup> Well Done!!



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