

quantities of corn in their little fields by the shore of the lake, for a hundred years past, planting the same ground over and over again."—Minn. Hist. Coll. 10, 77.

The same chapter contains a statement that at "Little Village", Minnesota, the Sioux had cornfields in 1862, of nearly 1,000 acres.

Allouez's report of 1670-72 mentions a number of permanent Indian villages in Wisconsin, among them the noted Mascoutin village, on the upper Fox river, where he found a town containing nearly 200 cabins.

Wisconsin, although a fine game country, was extensively cultivated by its early historic Indian inhabitants. Father Marquette found the various Wisconsin tribes raising great quantities of corn.

Allouez discovered that the Wisconsin savages "lived on Indian corn and other fruits of the earth, which they cultivate on the prairies." He found the natives on the shores of Green Bay "cultivating corn, gourds and tobacco." In his account of the Pottawatomie living along the west shore of Lake Michigan, he says:

"These people are war-like and they engage in hunting and fishing. Their country is excellently adapted for raising Indian corn, and they have fields covered with it."—Relation, 1670.

Father Membre in the same Relation refers to the richness of the country about Green Bay, "which gave them (the Indians) fields everywhere." "All nations," he said, "have their fields of Indian corn, squashes, beans and tobacco."

The Huron and Ottawa, numbering about 1,500 souls, were driven by the Sioux to Chequamegon Bay, Wisconsin, where they applied themselves to raising Indian corn and squashes. (Relation, 1658-61), Perrot's report, Relation, 1690, frequently refers to the growing of corn in considerable quantities by Wisconsin Indians. The Sac and Fox, then located in the central part of the state, are spoken of as having four women to one man and are reported in the Relation of 1718 as being as "industrious as can be, and raise extraordinary crops of Indian corn." The same narrative informs us that the Indian families of Beaver Island, Wisconsin have their cabins and fields of corn.