

side followed, and some few from our side, and received their presents. But Hole-in-the-day, and all he could control, being most, if not all, the chiefs and braves from our side of the Lake, remained with the Governor, who made a liberal distribution of goods among them.

The Governor then ascertained who were chiefs on our soil, and gave them each a United States flag and a silver medal as insignias of their office, of which they were very proud, and which they were sure to display with pride and pomp on every appearance of white men among them. But discovering that Hole-in-the-day was not a regular or hereditary chief, and feeling that his daring, bravery, and evident influence over the tribe, demanded recognition and reward, he elevated him to that rank and dignity, and gave him a flag and a medal in presence of them all, and directed that all, of any band, who felt disposed to do so, could join the new chief, thus forming a new band in the nation. Twenty-three years later, when I was their Agent, this was one of the strongest bands in the tribe; and though he was not acknowledged the *head* chief, yet he exerted a greater influence among his people, and with the whites, than any other chief among them.

This great chief, with his new band, to avoid collision with the territory claimed by older chiefs, migrated to Gull Lake on the Mississippi, and occupied part of the territory between the Chippewas and Sioux, thus extending the Chippewa lines farther south, and becoming the frontier band of the nation in that direction—a position well suited to the war-like propensities of him and his followers. The Sioux regarded this as a further encroachment upon their territory, and frequent battles ensued between them as the consequence.

The name of Hole-in-the-day became a terror to the Sioux, on account of his daring feats against them; and also a dread even among the Chippewas—so much so that no one dared to oppose measures upon which he was determined. In a dispute between him and the recognized head chief, he drew his knife across the face of that chief—a high insult in Indian