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| The Scioux of the Prairies are, in the opinion of Voya- | |
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| geurs, over two thousand men, Their Armorial | |
| devices are the Buffalo, the Black Dog and the | |
| Otter, | 2000 |
| The Assenipoëls, or Pouans can, according to others, vie | |
| with the Scioux, from whom they formerly sprung. | |
| They number one hundred and fifty to the south of | |
| Lake Ounepigon, and have for device, a Big Stone | |
| or a Rock, | 150 |
| The Puans have retired, since 1728, to the Scioux to the | |
| number of eighty; they have for Armorial bearings, | |
| the Stag, the Polecat (Pichoux), the Tiger, ¹ | 80 |
| The head of Lake Superior | |
| The Ayowois are settled at the south of the River de Mis- | |
| souris, at the other side of the Mississipi. They are | |
| no more than eighty. They have for device, a Fox, | 80 |

Lake Michigan and its dependencies

The Folles Avoines, north of this lake, number one hundred and sixty warriors, 160

The most considerable tribes [have] for device, the Large tailed Bear, the Stag, a Kiliou—that is a species of Eagle (the most beautiful bird of this country,)—perched on a cross.

In explanation of a Cross forming the Armorial bearings of the Indians, it is stated that formerly a Chief of the Folles Avoines finding himself dangerously sick, consented, after trying the ordinary remedies, to see a Missionary, who, Cross in hand, prayed to God for his recovery, and obtained it from his mercy. In gratitude for this benefit, the Chief desired that to his arms should be added a Cross on which the Kiliou has ever since been always perched.

¹The word "pichou" was commonly used for the Canadian lynx or loup cerrier; the "tiger" was a catamount.—Ed.