

tinuing north as far as the St. Francis, passing Rum River on the way, he reached on November 25, the point where he had left his canoe. Thence he mounted the St. Pierre for about two hundred miles<sup>3</sup> and dwelt seven months among the Naudowessie, where he was occupied with geographical inquiries. Returning in April, accompanied by a large delegation of tribesmen whom he had persuaded to visit Mackinac, they held on May 1, a council in the cave before noted, in which complimentary speeches were exchanged.<sup>4</sup>

Finding no trading goods at St. Anthony Falls, as had been promised him by the governor of Mackinac, Carver determined to return to La Prairies les Chien and secure some from the traders there. En route he met a Chippewa band headed by the Grand Sauter<sup>5</sup> who treated the Englishman with disdain, but offered him no violence. Having at last secured a stock of goods, our traveller returned to Chippewa River engaged an Indian pilot, and mounted the eastern branch to the falls. He there noted the great war road of the Sioux and Chippewa, and observed a tract of timber levelled by a hurricane. At the head of Chippewa River was a town of that tribe, with a hundred stout, fine young warriors. Their customs, however, were very filthy.<sup>6</sup>

In July Carver left this town, crossing to a head branch of the St. Croix, on which he saw mines of virgin copper. Thence carrying again, he descended to Lake Superior by a river that

<sup>3</sup> But see Pond's declaration as to the location of Carver's hut, about fourteen miles up St. Peter's River, and that this was the extent of his travels.—Ed.

<sup>4</sup> It was on this occasion, as later claimed, that the celebrated "Carver's Grant" was made. See *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, vi, pp. 238-270.—Ed.

<sup>5</sup> For the Grand Sauteur (whose Indian name was Minavavana), chief of the Mackinac Island band of Chippewa, see *Henry's Travels*, index.—Ed.

<sup>6</sup> This Chippewa town cannot definitely be located, but was near Lac Court Oreilles, still the habitat of the tribe. According to tradition, as given in *Minn. Hist. Colls.*, v, the Chippewa, moved into this region in the latter years of the French regime.—Ed.