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S. A. G.

THE Micmac left no sculptured gods,
No temples made of stone;
In misty caves, in storm-tossed clouds,
Manitou dwelt alone.

But names remain on hill and plain
Of this once powerful race,
And in those liquid Micmac words
Their presence yet we trace

Where Aspatogon lifts her brow,
Unblushing, to the sea;
Where crashing ice-cakes dash and break
On lonely Scatarie;

Where turbid waters seethe and foam
Round Gloosecap, Chebooktook;
On Tusket's Isles where sea-gulls rest,
And heron on Panuke;

The rushing tides in Pesiquid,
And Shubenacadie;
The level meads of Tantramar;
The falls of Konomee.

No Micmac now on Cobequid
Hunts moose or caribou;
And alien races change the names
Which first were named by you.

E. F.

SOUND OF LETTERS IN MICMAC.

THE consonants are sounded as in English: **g** is always hard, as in *go*, *egg*, and **c** exactly like **k**; **ch** as in *church*; **h** following a vowel in the same syllable (as in **āhk**) is a soft guttural, like the German *ch* in *Ich*. There is no *f* in Micmac; when attempting to pronounce French or English words which contain this letter, the Indians give it the sound of *b* or *p*.

The vowels are sounded thus: **a**, as in *father*; **ā**, as in *fate*; **ǎ**, as in *fat*; **â**, as the second *a* in *abaft*; **e**, as in *me*; **ě** as in *met*; **ei**, as *i* in *pine*; **i**, as *i* in *pin*; **o**, as in *no*; **ǒ** as in *not*; **u**, as in *tube*, *use*; **ũ**, as in *tub*; **oo**, as in *fool*, *move*; **ǒǒ** as in *good*, *wood*; **ow**, as in *now*. When any vowel is doubled, as **aa**, **āā**, **ee**, **ō**, the usual sound is prolonged, and takes the accent, but the place for the accent is the penult. **'M** or **'N** at the beginning of a word with the accent marked, is sounded without a vowel.

The following are examples of the peculiarity termed "holophrastic," where a single word stands for a sentence:—

Boon, the sitting place, the cross-piece on which the paddler sits.

Boósenéch, let us take a trip by water, let us go in a canoe.

Ĕpkwǒse, I have a shelter from the rain over my head.

Kamâtk, bushes yonder, beyond a cleared place.

Něspe, to be stopping in the wigwam to take care of it, while the others are away.

Newǒpskitk, the bed of the river is dry, and the rocks are bare.

Wǒpk, the morning light, — "the opening of the eye of the morning."

LIST OF MICMAC NAMES

OF

PLACES, RIVERS, ETC.

- Ababe**, a boundary.
Abaktooë, the great auk.
Abe, a bow for an arrow.
Agamōk, white ash.
Agoomākūn, Apple River, Cumberland County.
Agoomākūnūk, Sand River, Cumberland County.
Ah-mah-gops-ke-geek, tumbling over rocks; Tangier River.
Ājeōk'chemin, a blackberry.
Akkāda, abundance of things; plenty of ground-nuts; hence *Acadie* (French).
Akūm, a snow-shoe, raquette.
Amlamēkw', a mackerel.
Anesaak, Salmon River.
Ansaakw, New Harbor.
Apchechkūmoochwāākade, Duck land. Hence the French name *Canard River*.
Āpsiboogwēchk', Port le Bear.
Aseedik, Lunenburg.
Asooemanōkse, a creeping blackberry vine.
Aspatogon, a headland on the Atlantic.
- Bāktabā'**, a bay.
Banook, the first lake as you ascend a river.
- Banoōpskek**, opening out through rocks, as Penobscot.
Banooskēk, entrance into Bras d'Or Lake.
Banoskēk, a water passage between two lakes.
Ba'pkoktē'k, Argyle.
Bāpkook, the birch bark will easily peel.
Bāslooāākāde, St. Peter's Island, near Prince Edward Island.
Bookt, the head of a bay.
Booktāwi'chk, rum, from
Booktāoo, fire; hence fire-water; alcohol.
Booktoulāygun, fireworks; Toney River.
Booktowāāgūn, Mill Creek on the River Hebert in Cumberland Co.
Boonāmookwōde, Salmon River, Yarmouth.
Bōstoon, America.
Bōstoonkāwaach, an American.
Bōstoonkāwoo'lkw, an American vessel.
Brooksake, Charlottetown Harbor, Prince Edward Island.
- Cajj-booginek**, winding through the wilderness; River John.
Cālūgēt, Carraget Harbor.

- Cansoke**, facing the frowning cliff ; Canso.
- Caskumpec**, flowing through the sand : Cascumpec, P. E. Island.
- Caydybunnygek**, clam diggings ; Boot Island, Horton.
- Chebookt**, Halifax, from Ūkchebookt, the largest harbor or bay.
- Cheemā**, to paddle a canoe.
- Chegaoo**, bass, a fish.
- Chegūmakūn**, a rattle, an Indian tambourine.
- Chijikwtook'**, Cornwallis River.
- Chikchowwegūnēchwā'-wōso-wēk'**, a rose.
- Chikchowwegūnējul**, roseberries ; also the name of an orange.
- Chipchowwēch'**, a robin.
- Cwesomallygeek**, Hardwood Ridge, Cumberland.
- Ebēdēk**, Bedeque, P. E. Island.
- Ĕlmūnākūncheech**, Little Sevogal River.
- Ĕlsētkook'**, Bear River in Nova Scotia.
- Ĕmsūk**, Port Jolli.
- Eppayguit**, anchored on the wave ; Prince Edward Island.
- Ĕskūmāāgā**, to eat raw flesh ; hence the name of the *eskimo* Indians, eaters of raw flesh.
- Ĕskūmūnaak'**, Mount Skumunāk.
- Ĕskūmūnaak**, Point Skimenack, in New Brunswick.
- Ĕskwōdēk'**, Murray Harbor, P. E. I.
- Ĕspakūmegēk**, high land. Green Hill, Pictou County.
- Gaspēch**, Gaspé ; far into the water.
- Glooscap**, a manitou who dwelt in the Bay of Fundy, at Blomidon.
- Goolwagōpskooch**, Port George.
- Gul-wahgahgek**, the home of the sea-cow ; Quaco, New Brunswick.
- Inskoomādeedich**, Lakeland, N.S.
- Kābēm**, the border of a lake.
- Kāgwēamkēk**, Port Hood.
- Kakagwēk**, a place of dried meat ; now Hantsport, in Hants Co.
- Kākwōleegigūn**, a snow-bank.
- Kāleboo**, caribou.
- Kaleboode**, a shovel. Hence **Kalēboo**, caribou, the shoveller, because they shovel up the snow with their broad feet in digging down for the moss on which they feed.
- Katkooch'** and **Katkoolch'**, Brooklyn, Queens Co., Nova Scotia.
- Keāskūnoo'gwējit**, a mighty chopper, a fabulous being who cuts down trees ; you hear the chopping, the workman is invisible, but the tree falls.
- Kēbamkeāk'**, Bathurst, on the Bay of Chaleur.
- Kēbāpskitk**, the stream that connects two lakes.
- The six lakes on the Liverpool River, as you go up stream :
1. **Panook.**
 2. **Kēdooskēk'.**
 3. **Pushūgook'.**
 4. **Kējimkoojik.**
 5. **Imūtkaak.**
 6. **Toobeadoogook.**
- Lakes on Salmon River, east of Halifax :
1. **Ūsoogomūsoogwēdām'.**
 2. **Milpāāchk.**
 3. **Utkoskwāāchk.**
 4. **Kloosheowpāāch.**
 5. **Nēmchenokpāāchk.**
 6. **Noogoomkūbāāk.**
 7. **Mtābēs-wāākāde** (where mud-catfish abound).
- On Port Medway River are :
1. **Banook.**
 2. **Māligeāk'.**

- Kebbek**, narrows; Quebec.¹
Kegūmoosk, Little River, a branch of the Restigouche.
Kekwajoo, a badger.
Kenomee, Sandy Point, now Economy, in Colchester County.
Kesāpskūl, Apesookaam Lake.
Kesegoo, an aged man.
Kesegooaakw, an aged porpoise or seal.
Kesegoo'e, an aged bird.
Kesegooēeskw, an aged woman.
Kesegook, an aged porcupine.
Kesegoo'msk, an aged beaver.
Kesegoo'sūm, an aged dog.
Kesegoo'tkw, an aged cow, moose, horse.
Keskāāk, the wood is broad.
Kēsksopāāk, Little River.
Kēsksūtkwēk', the river is broad.
Kesokūdēk', the neighborhood of Archibald's Mills at Truro.
Kesooskowōstoogwēk', Middle River, Pictou.
Kesooskwōstoogwēk, Little River, a branch of Sheet Harbor River.
Kespabēgea'chk, Big Kespebadak'.
Kespoogwitk, Land's End, Yarmouth.
Kīkcheboogwēk, Cavendish, Prince Edward Island.
Kitpoo, an eagle.
Kitpooāākāde, Cape Shubenacadie.
- Kitpoo-aykaddy**, a place of eagles, near the river Shubenacadie, now known as the Eagles' Nest.
Kloopskeāākāde, Bird Island.
Kobet, a beaver.
Kobetēk', Aylesford Bog.
Koo'koogwes', an owl.
Kookūmijenagwānāk', Cape Dolphin.
Koolpesoo'n, an anchor.
Koolpijooik, Petpiswick Harbor.
Koospēm, a lake.
Kow-week, porcupine quills.
Ktādoosōk, Saguenay River.
Kūlokwējook, Mary Joseph, below Halifax.
Kūlūmooējemanōkse, bilberry.
Kwebēk, the head of the tide, now Bedford.
Kwemoodeech, Pope's Harbor.
Kwēsomālegēk', a hard-wood Point, now Fort Lawrence.
Kwēsow-wāāk, a cape of land.
- Logūmkeegūn**, Shelburne.
Lūntook', deer.
Lūskūch, Manadoo in Cape Breton.
Lustegooch, Restigouche River.
- Māākān**, Maccan River in Cumberland County.
Mabou, a river in Cape Breton.
Madawāāk, a point where two rivers come together.

¹ This is beyond question the origin of the name of the city of Quebec. The French pronounce *Quebec* not kwe-bēk, as the English do, but **kēb-bēk**, the exact pronunciation of the Indian word. The "Narrows," above Halifax Harbor, and a narrow place in the Liverpool River just below Milton, are thus named by the Indians. The syllable **kēb** or **kēp**, which is the same exactly in meaning, means to stop or impede, to choke up, etc. Many words begin with this syllable; as, **kēbejokūm**, to stop a hole; **kēbejokteskum**, to shut a door; **kēbadagwā'**, to be hoarse, to have the voice impeded; **kēbaadoo**, to stanch blood; **kēbāpskitk**, the stream is obstructed by rocks; **kēbāmkoogwēk**, the mouth of the river is obstructed by sand thrown in by the waves; **kēbe-skoonei**, my nose is stopped; etc.

- Mägëpskegëchk'**, tumbling over large rocks; Gaspereaux River, in Horton, King's County.
- Mäjëöktëligün Lütkaamün**, an arrow.
- Mäkpāāk**, Malpeque, in P. E. I.
- Mäkpāächk**, first and second lakes on Moses River.
- Mälipkänch'**, a hazel-nut.
- Maskwe**, general name for bark.
- Maycobegilk**, end of the flowing (meaning the bound of the rushing water, the tide or bore); Cobequid, Truro, now Salmon River.
- Megâmaage**, Nova Scotia; land of the Micmacs.
- Mëgwā'jijik**, the Red Indians of Newfoundland.
- Mëgwas-ā'**, Belfast in P. E. Island.
- Mëmkāāk-kwësa wā'**, Pandora Point.
- Mënagwës'**, St. John, N. B.
- Meníchk**, a berry.
- Menoody**, a bay; Minudie, Cumberland County.
- Mëowch'**, a puss, a cat.
- Mës-adëk**, Long Island, Horton, Nova Scotia.
- Mëseebâkünük'**, Sambro Cape.
- Mëspāāk**, Cape Mispek.
- Migoonaasit**, the out-spreader; a peacock.
- Mijeogün**, St. Lawrence River.
- Miläsük**, Bridgeport.
- Miläpskegëchk**, third lake on Moses River.
- Milchëgaach**, Meander River in Newport, Hants County.
- Mimkwökün**, an acorn.
- Mimkwönmoose**, the oak.
- Misëgümisk'**, Scraggy Lake.
- Mistoogook**, Mistouche River.
- Moināwā**, bear's meat.
- Moo-āümook**, he is from home.
- Mooin**, a bear.
- Mooinei'**, a bear-skin.
- Moosëgisk'**, the atmosphere.
- Mootpoon**, an animal's bed.
- Mpögün**, a bed.
- Misookweel**, the bark for building a canoe.
- 'Mtabân'**, mud bridge; Wolfville, Nova Scotia.
- Mtäe**, a beaver-skin.
- Mtoodook**, Little River, Mira, Cape Breton.
- Münagësünook'**, the Magdalen Islands.
- Münä'pskw**, a ledge of rocks.
- Mündoo**, Satan. This is the Algonkin name for the Great Spirit, but applied to the devil by the first Christian missionaries.
- Mündooäpskw**, Devil's Rock, now Jeddore Rock.
- Münëskoochk'**, Muddy Creek, Prince Edward Island.
- Münkwön'**, the rainbow.
- Musquodoboit**, sparkling water, a river in Halifax County.
- Näbüdagwën'igün**, a basket handle.
- Naokteboogooik**, big pond.
- Napan**, Napan in Cumberland Co.
- Napüskwa'**, to string beads.
- Nebe**, a leaf.
- Nëbëltook'**, Bartibog, name of a place.
- Negwëk**, Negwak Island.
- Nelegäkünëk**, Newport River.
- Neliksaak**, Arichat.
- Nëmcheboogwëk'**, Middle River, Cape Breton.
- Nëmtakayâk'**, Nemtage River.
- Nepigiguit**, on Chaleur Bay.
- Neseâmk'**, Sable River, Nova Scotia.
- Nictahk**, forks; Nictau.
- Noel**, where the ice-cakes float loosely.

- Noogoomkeāk'**, Moses River.
Noos-abon, the river Noosaboon.
'Ntooa'gwākūn, Lot 49, Prince Edward Island.
'Ntūbloo, an army.
- Ogomkigeōk'**, Liverpool River, Nova Scotia.
Oochaadooch, Margaree River's mouth, Cape Breton.
Oochogūm, a point covered with oak.
Oolástook, St. John River, New Brunswick.
Oonban, a moose's bed.
Oonegūn, portage.
Oonikskwōmkook, Point Miskwe.
Owoolâkūmoōējit, Famine, figuratively represented as an evil being.
Owwōkūn, Portage River, Miramichi, New Brunswick.
- Paakwaak**, stop here, you cannot go any further; Pockwock Lake.
Pājedooabaachk, Oyster Pond.
Pālamooā' Seboo, Salmon River, Truro.
Paspēge'āk, Paspebeek, Prospect.
Pedeādēk, ignis fatuus.
Pege, a side of meat, including all the ribs.
Pēmâmkeāk', Sand Island, Miramichi.
Pentagouēt, a river in New Brunswick.
Pessyquid, flowing squarely into the sea; Avon River in Windsor, Hants County.
Pēt̄kootkweāk', Peticodiac River.
Petoobōk, Bras d'Or Lake in Cape Breton.
Pijenooiskāk, La Have River.
Piktook, Pictou.
Piktoo'jūk, Martin's River, Colchester, Nova Scotia.
- Pogūmkēk'**, Pomket Harbor.
Pōnhōōk, the first lake in a chain.
Poogūnikpēchk, Pictou Harbor.
Pookudapkwōde, Cape Porcupine, on the Strait of Canso.
Pootāleāwā', a basket.
Pugooōpskook, Owl's Head in Hants County.
Pūlāmoo, salmon.
Pūlowecha Mūwego, Partridge Island.
Pūlow-wech, a partridge.
- Saa-gaa-bun**, the Micmac potato.
Saa-gaa-bun-akady, the place where the Micmac potato grows (Shubenacadie).
Sakpulkweāk, there is wet snow and ice there.
Sāsageem, a bare foot.
Sāsoo Goole, Jesus Christ.
Sebiskadākūncheech, Miscou Gully, Cape Breton.
Seboo, a river.
Sēbūnisk', Lockport, Nova Scotia.
Sēgūbūnākāde, Shubenacadie.
Sesetkook, Chezetcook.
Sesip or **Sesipcheech'**, a bird.
Ses-mogūn, sugar.
Sigūnikt', Chignecto.
Simkook, Petite River in Lunenburg.
Skūdakūmochoowte, Milky Way; the spirits' road.
Stewiacke, where the fresh water joins the salt; a river in Colchester County.
Sūmskwēs', Pumpkin Island.
Sūnow', sugar maple.
- Tabooētoōētūn**, Rustico, P. E. I.
Tāooōpskik, the river runs out between rocks. Hence the name of the Annapolis River, Tāooōpskik.
Tāwitk, Petite Passage, N. S.
Team, a moose.

Tēsogwōde, Pirate's Cove, on Canso Strait.

Tooetūnook', Avon River, Hants County.

Tūlūgādik, Grand Lake, Halifax County.

Ūkcheseebo, a large river.

Ūktākūmkook', Newfoundland.

Ūkwtākūn, starvation; in the Indian legends represented as a *quasi* demigod, whose howling and approach indicate death and destruction.

Ūlgēdoo, a mushroom.

Ūlgēdook', Port Medway.

Ūlnoo, a man, as distinguished from all other animals.

Ūlnooe, to be a man, an Indian.

Ūlnoojech, the eyeball, the little Indian, manikin.

Ūmkoome, ice.

Ūpkoo, gum.

Ūpkwawegān', Oak Point in Cornwallis.

Ūpskāmkook, Petite River in Hants County.

Ūtkūbōk, Chebogue.

Wāgobāgītk', literally, the bay runs far up; hence Cobequid.

Wēchkwēmkeāk', Mizzen Point.

Wēdāwēlāk', the rain patters on the roof.

Wegoon, a bean.

Weijooik, Sheet Harbor.

Weiōpsk, a bead.

Weisis, a beast.

Wējowtik, Point Prim.

Weūkūch', Margaree River, Cape Breton.

Wiskūsōk, Milpāgēch', Nēnāsākūnēk', and Pēdāwikipāāk are Tangier Lakes.

Wisūnawōn, Gay's River, in Halifax County.

Wōbābooōkchūk, white waters, Elm Tree River.

Wōbeākāde, literally Swan land, now Broad River Lake.

Wōjeechk, Pereaux in Cornwallis.

Wokūloopskūsow', Marble Head.

Wōkūmeāk', Nine-Mile River in Hants County.

Wokūmūtkook, Middle River, Nova Scotia.

Wōlūmkwāka'gūnūchk, Port Mulgrave.

Wōlunkāk', Beaver Harbor.

Wōnpaak, Cole Harbor.

Wōsetūmooēk, Newel River.

Wōsoksegēk', Martin's Point, near Londonderry, Colchester County, on Debert River.

Wōsōgwēsoo-gwōde, Petite in Hants County, on the bay.

Wōspēgeāk', Shoal Bay.

Wōspooijiktook, among the seals; Herring Point, New Brunswick.

Yap Team, a bull moose.

