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*lonkwara'sé:she tsi Kanehsata'kehró:non na'akwaia'tó:ten ne tsi ...*

*We are proud of being Kanehsata'kehró:non because...*

**Chief Orite** Many of the stories of our proud Kanehsataka'kehró:non are found in different places. Reverend Amand Parent, a Methodist Minister was sent to Kanehsatà:ke in 1870 and became knowledgeable of the people and the issues they endured at the hands of the Seminary of St. Sulpice and the federal and provincial authorities.

At the end of Rev. Parent's autobiography, he provides a drawn picture and description of the grave site of one of our leaders, Chief Orite or Oritz, as he states. He describes the empty grave site of the Chief whose body was stolen by unknown persons. Rev. Parent writes:

He had defended his country in the time of its need; he had **received special attention and honor at the hands of his Sovereign** through his representative in Canada. During the full century of his life he had undergone many vicissitudes. In his youth he had been **a warrior**, courted by friends and dreaded by enemies. He had been amongst those who had **searched for the remains of Sir John Franklin by way of the Mackenzie River**. But for many years before his death he was mainly dependent for support on the labors of his daughter – herself a grandmother – whose sons were hunted to jail, one after another, for the crime of cutting what they considered their own wood.

Source: *The life of Rev. Amand Parent, the first French-Canadian ordained by the Methodist Church*, (Toronto and Montreal, 1887; p. 282-285).