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Chief Sees President

First Man of the Land and the Chippewa

Chief Mah-Zhuck-ke-ge-shig of the Mississippi band of Chippewa Indians of Minnesota will take back with him from Washington two evidences of the friendship which the "Great White Father" bears for him. Since his visit to President Roosevelt, in company with Senator Clapp, a week or two ago, the Chippewa chief has received from the president a personal letter of thanks for gifts brought by the Indian, and a large photograph bearing the president's autograph, and a lengthy inscription from the president's pen.

Chief Mah-Zhuck-ke-ge-shig came to Washington from the White Earth reservation in Minnesota, to bear a message of greeting from his people to the president. He had with him an Indian pipe of exquisite workmanship, and an Indian bead bag, made by his wife, and which she sent as a gift to the nation's ruler. The Chippewa chief was presented to the president by Senator Clapp, and in the course of the talk with the president, the Indian pointed to a picture of presi-

dent Lincoln, and told of the recognition which Lincoln had given him.

The Minnesota chief produced a medal which President Lincoln had given him, for his efforts to allay the Indian uprising in Minnesota prior to 1862; and he told President Roosevelt that he had had personal interviews with Lincoln and had received a letter of thanks from him.

The president was greatly interested in the Chippewa chief, and accepted his gifts of pipe and bead bag with profuse thanks. The chief is now a full American citizen, and he did not forget to tell President Roosevelt that he had voted for him at the last election, and hoped to have the chance of voting for him again.

The picture which the president later sent to his Indian friend bears inscription: "With the best wishes for the Chippewa chief who was a friend of Lincoln and who voted for me; and with thanks for the beautiful pipe.—Theodore Roosevelt, Feb. 6, 1908."

The letter to chief Mah-zhuck-ke-ge-shig was one of thanks for the gifts he had brought, and expressed the president's pleasure at having had the opportunity to meet a distinguished member of the Mississippi Chippewa band.—The Tomahawk.