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William Loutitt

Of Ft Albany, is official interpreter for Hudson Bay Company. Is also employed by company. Speaks both English and Albany Cree perfectly. Very intelligent informant and interpreter. Data obtained from him on July 10 and 11 at Fr Albany.

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### W L - Albany - 27 Tattoo

Still occasionally tattoo. Tattooing not done by mere puncture but with a bit of thread with charcoal on it, a stitch being made on the forearm or hand.

W L - Albany - 27 Rattle

pid not use caribou skin for rattle, but used to use the skin of the marai, called apparently malaskucuc.

### W L - Albany - 27 Material Culture

The Amak used as snow shoe needle. Pijuwapit formerly used.

String of beads made out stones inside a white berry, called wapaskominin.

Lodge is always conical no beehive-shaped lodge. Used to be
covered with bark, never with skin
-- now covered with canvass.

### W L - Albany - 27 Bear Geremony

When bear is killed a handerchief is put around bear's neck, and bear is given smoke to please him. Bear eats soles of feet and paws during the winter -- keeps some berries under his tail to live on.

A couple of men whom WL knew had the following dream and belief: during the dream a bear appeared to the man and told him that he would lose as many of his children as he would kill bears; and actually nearly all the family of this man did die.

W L - Albany - 27 Religion

W L had never heard of dog sacrifice.

He had never heard distinguish between Atcak and Mistabeo. Had never heard of Omicagisio. F. Bo albany - 1527

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### W L - Ft Albany - 27 Language

West Indians at Albany
use N but many use L. Those from
the North all use N and formerly
all at Albany used N, but those at
the Hudson Bay Company are now begamning to use L, and now mostly use
L. This change taken place just recently. A good deal of internarriage
with Moose factory Indians.

W L does not understand well Indians from Ruper t House, Eastmain or Ft George, but understands well those from hoose factory.

### W L - Ft Albany - 27 Death and Burial

If one of family dies clothes of deceased are neither used nor sold but just put away and packed up.

At English River a boy died when W L was a boy there. The father of dead boy put up gun, axe, oup and kettle at boy's grave.

Relatives would not mention name of dead person but would say instead, e.g., of a deceased father -

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Above avoidance of names is only for relatives.

W L - Ft Albany - 27 Child

according to some word frequently used by the child.

"Wisana" not known

to W L.

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### W L - Ft Albany - 27 Girl's Puberty Rite

Unknown to W L.

W L - Ft Albany - 27 Hunting

No deer at Ft Albany
now. They come north only as far as
English River. Caribou are found at
Albany — formerly plentiful, but
now less so.

W L - Ft Albany - 27 Government

As far back as W L

had heard of there had always been a chief at Albany. A coat with brass buttons was given to the chief by the Hudson Bay Company.

W L - Ft Albany - 27 Tradit ion

W L remember the old men taling about early wars with Eskimos. Indians used to call these people Nodawes who used to come for scalps (not sure if william is confusing Eskimo and Iroquois, or if he distinguishes between Eskimo and Nodawes - J M C L

Telpai or Ghost River is called such because skulls of Indians slain in battle were found in numbers on the shore of the river. The

Iro quois got up this far.

WI - Ft Albany - 27

The Indians at Albany used to come from as far as Ghost River, and others from as far as the Forks (that is, junction of Albany and Kenogamy Rivers). Ojibwa used to be spoken at Ghost River and the Forks - this within william's own time and memory.

Kemabigo is not a Cree

word.

The Cree spoken at Ogoki comes from the former freighting.
Ojibwa men from Ogoki come down the river and married Cree women.

From the North Indians used to come to Albany from as far as Opinaga near the Cape. At Attawapiskat Post on the Bay it is entirely Cree now.

Cree has spread up the Attawapi skat River instead of being pushed farther toward the BAy.

W L - Ft Albany - 27 Language (2)

The language now goes about two-thirds up the River to Attawapiskat Lake.

On the South, Indians come to Albany from about one-half the way to moose factory.

## W L - Ft Albany - 27 Family Hunting Grounds

Before the Treaty the family hunting ground system prevailed all over the Cree territory.
The hunting ground was called
Nitaskik (my land). The Indians were
very strict about trespassing. There
was no trespassing. They used to give
permission to one another to hunt.
For example, one man would take pity
on another man whose land was burnt
up and give such permission. Since the
treaty they can hunt anywhere and no
one can stop them.

The used to hunt one-half of their territory for a year or two then would leave it fallow and would go to another part of their territory; or a couple of hunters would club together and do this.

Formerly conservation of beaver always practiced - they would leave a comple of beaver to breed, killing the rest in any lodge/

# W L - Ft Albany - 27 Family Hunting Grounds (2)

Now all beaver are taken and killed off.

When a man died his hunting territory went to his sons but if there were no sons he might will it to a friend when dying. If he had sons he never willed his land to a friend. If he had no sons but a brother he was free to give the land to a friend but usually gave it to the brother. If the man left a widow but no grown sons usually she married again and took her new husband to her deceased husband's hunting ground — W L knew one or two cases of this kind.

W L - Ft Albany - 27 Hunting

No shooting of birds allowed after sunset or before sunrise, as the flash of the gun scares the birds. This prohibition now passing away, although many Indians still observe it.

### W L - Ft Albany - 27 Arrow Release

Mediterranean release

is the one used. Small boys are

taught use of bow and arrow with primary release. Later they are taught to use the Mediterranean.

W L - Ft Albany - 27 Canoes

Birch bark cances common.

Not all Indians knew how to make them. If the cance made by one Indian he was paid an otter skin or something else.

Pitch pine bark cance sometimes used by Indians who came into Albany in such from the North, Cree Indians from Attawapishat, Opinaga or Ekwen River. Pitch pine bark for cance cut in June - cut made down tree and bark skinned off down tree.

"Plank" cance. Some used to come into Albany in cances made of split sticks of pitch pine made into cance and gummed. Wood was pitch pine, not jack pine. Was cut down to thin boards and cance made same shape as ordinary bark cance.

W L - Ft Albany - 27 Bear Ceremony

When a bear was killed pipe was put into moth of bear, all the men squatted and amoked, a speech was made and a plug of tobacco put in each nostril of bear. All this was done in order to please or appease the bear. The bear skill was hung up but no black bars were painted on it.

### W L - Ft Albany - 27 Hunting Observances

The women got certain part of all animals but not the same part as the mentgot. The women were allowed to eat only the hind half of the animal. Men ate the fore half of the animal. The head especially was taboo to women. Above applied to all animals.

Birds. If a goose (Canada Goose or Wavy) was taken it was cut up, the men took the heart and lights and cooked them on a stick over the fire — only the man who shot the goose was allowed to eat these. One part of the bird, namely, the wind pipe had always to be burnt. It was not allowed at to let it lie around.

Bones of birds or animals had to be picked clean, tied into clean bundles and hung up on willows

### W L - Ft Albany - 27 Hunting Observances (2)

(con.) Even now this custom is observed Wings with the feathers on are hung up for a while in order to be used later on but are not hung up for good. Tying up the wings and hanging them up as is done farther up the river had not been seen or heard of by W L around Albany.

No bones of any animal or bird are given to dogs, especially head bones. Moose bones may be given but no caribou or bird bones.

Moose shoulder blade and head are hung up. If the shoulder blade is put into the fire and the figure of a man appears on the blade this will bring bad luck. The tip of heart of moose is never hung up.

### W L - Ft Albany - 27 Material Culture

Wooden snow shovel used at Albany until recently.

Sturgeon taken with hook

not with spear.

Chiseling for beaver practiced. Recently at least no conservation of beaver.

### # L - Albany - 27 Material Culture

Snow goggles of wood

used.

Wood/spoons of different

sizes used.

Wooden dish formerly used.

W L - Ft Albany - 27 Hunting

In the musked are

found mostly otter, mink and foxes.

W L - Albany - 27 Conjuring

A man was conjuring recently out North. Another man laid the Bible down outside the tent and the conjuring came to a sudden stop at once.

W L - Albany - 27 Witaso

Even today all the

Indians see Witago. Witago does not come near people but his track is seen. He tries to get near to destroy people. His track is twice the size of a man's foot. Indians take to flight if they see Witago's track. Are bothered if they are out in the bush. If a man takes a Testament and reads it and prays the thing will not come near them, and if the Testament is taken outside of the tent and Witago sees the Testament he goes away at once. for he cannot stand the sight of the Testament. Generally, it is the conjurer who first knows of the presence or nearness of the Witago, for it is the conjurer whom Witago is going to see. If the family is religious the Witago will not come near them. The Indians keep fire going

W L - Albany - 27 Witaso (2)

in order to keep away Witago. Witago is a cannibal who eats human beings.

One good conjurer was so strong he could kill Witago.

As soon as the witago was killed a fire was made right over it and it was burnt up. When the ashes were stirred up the unburnt heart of Witago was found of solid ice. The icy heart was then chopped up into small bits, another fire was built and the bits were all burnt up again.

A Witago is a person who has cooly eaten human flesh in time of starvation; a man of this kind becomes Witago even before his own

death.

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## JK - Albany - 27 Pagaskogan

One man had had a dream, and during it Pagaskogan had spoken to him. To see Pagaskogan in waking time, that is, when not dreaming, meant that surely something was

go ing to happen to you.

W L had never heard of its destroying anybody, but to one man the had seen Pagaskogan while awake and who had had no knowledge of Pagaskogan thru his dreams or his conjuring something did happen. Pagaskogan came and alighted on a stump and asked the man: "What kind of sound do you hear?" The man said: "I hear a rattling sound? This was the rattling of Pagaskogan's bones.

Sometimes during a blg stor or Pagaskogan is heard passing and calling out as he passes.

There was one man who knew Pagashogan thru his dreams. Pagaskogan JK - Albany - 27 Paga skogan (2)

used to come and alight beside him and the man would give to bacco to Pagaskogan. The latter did the man no harm, as he was known to the man through the man's dreams. W L - Ft Albany - 27 Education

If a boy stole a fish his parents would ask him: "Where did you get it?" If he said from another family, they would ask: "Did you have their permission?" If not, they would send him back with the fish and would talk to the boy

Parents talk a great deal to their children and this is apparent-ly the main medium of moral education.

Sometimes they will say to them: "If you are not a good boy some day a bear will come along and get you."

— for a wolf — for a crow - or "
you will be turned into a crow".

Children are seldom punished or scolded: they are just talked
to quietly. Children are usually very
obedient. If a child is caught in a
lie, they will say to him: "If you
keep on lying, nobody will believe you.
They talk a great deal to their children.

W L -Ft Albany - 27 Education (2)

Children are told never to touch a robin's nest or eggs nor to kill frogs, nor to touch the young of birds, nor to kill old birds while their young are in the nest. W L - Ft Albany - 27

Boys try to shoot birds

if the birds are full grown with bow

and arrow. Use pointed or blunt

arrow.

W L - Ft Albany - 27

Game is played at Albany;
if they have no bones with which to
make the Nabawan they use a bit of
brush tied up and tied unto a stick
(III)

Any kind of brush may be used. The brush nabawan is easier to hit and is not used much except by smaller boys. Men use the bone naba-wan.

W L - Ft Albany - 27 Religion

According to W L the pagam Indians did not seem to have any idea or much of an idea of the Great Spirit. They seem to believe mostly in conjuring.

In the conjuring Mikemak was the being who did the interpreting. He interpreted for some one
else; this some one for whom he interpreted was a very old man with a
white head and a long beard. Even now
the Indians have a certain reverence
for this old man. But the old man
is never spoken of as Kitcimenitol

William had never heard of a tribal image or idol such as is common among the Ojibwa farther up the river at Ft Hope. W L - Pt Albany - 27 Language

A good many words used at Moose are not used here at Albany but most words are just the same.

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