

to be elegant, fashionable and exquisite, it must be confessed that the Prairie Dandy, after his manner, displays quite as much sense and taste as his city prototype, with this advantage. The Indian does not conceal his features with a superabundance of hair. In their bearings, and efforts to show pride of dress and tinsel, they are on a par.

The squaws were out in all the richness and embellishments of their "togger". Their displays, according to their stations and the wealth of their husbands or fathers, marked their ability to dress, and their distinction in genteel Indian society. The "belles" (there are Indian as well as civilized belles) were out in all they could raise of finery and cosumte, and the way they flaunted, tittered, talked and made efforts to show off to the best advantage before the Bucks, justly entitled them to the civilized appellation we have given them. We concluded that coquetry was not of foreign origin. Even more than ordinary care had been bestowed on the dress of the children. They were evidently on their best behavior. With these little ones it was easy to decide upon the thrift, the cleanliness and industry of the mothers. We have a belief that a child in its dress and behaviour is a fair index of the culture, mind and industry of its mother. Some were decked out in all the variety of finery that skins of wild animals, beads, procupine quills, and various colored cloths could suggest. Others were in more simple costume, a string of beads round the neck, and a string round the loins. It is due to the Indian woman to say, that whilst the male children, even to an advanced age, are often permitted to go naked, or nearly so, we saw but one female child so exposed.

When the crowd had assembled, it was announced that only the principal or head men of the nation were expected within the circle prepared for the Council. The others took positions on the plains, generally in the rear of the part assigned to their chiefs and braves. The Council ground was a circle - about a third of it facing the east was left open.