

UNITY OF THE CLANS

This belt was one of the Constitutional Memorials and signified the essential unity of the clans "who sat opposite each other about the Fire." The white background signifies peace, unity, and friendship. It is provided thus: That in the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the people bearing the same name, the same clan, shall recognize one another as relatives irrespective of their nation and shall treat one another as such. Therefore a man and woman of the same clan are forbidden to marry.