

It is the same with trapping and hunting: we have to comply with the provincial game laws. We are not law breakers and we are not against conservation of game, fur and fish, but since it is, as we claim, our right as guaranteed to us in a treaty, we ask you that you correct this wrong as it is a violation of the white man's word. Also that when you come to a conclusion, you notify us. We ask that some settlement or agreement be made which will be binding. We want to have a voice in this matter and not be represented by the Indian department, but to have their help and co-operation. We ask that we be given adequate compensation, with royalties or percentage interest of the natural resources given to us by treaty, and that we the Indians surrender these rights only on mutual agreement, and we will reserve some areas where we will hold our trap lines and fishing grounds. For the time being, before this settlement be made, we ask that some protection be made for these Indians to fish nearby their reserves.

You will note in the submission sent in from the Treaty No. 3 Wabigoon band, dated the 10th of July, 1946, that their main problem is hunting and fishing. I support their statement where they say in the last line of the first paragraph: "It is plain to see that nearly all of our treaty agreements have been violated." (Page 857—No. 21 (1946) appendices.) And this letter from our former Indian agent will also verify my statement:—

Kenora, Ontario,
March 4, 1940.

Chief Bob Roy,
Whitefish Bay, Ontario.

DEAR CHIEF,—I have received a letter from our inspector in Winnipeg, regarding the question of violation of the provisions of the Game and Fisheries Act, and in some cases the special fishing regulations, Act, and in some cases the special fishing regulations, and I have been instructed to advise all Indians that they must comply with the law relating to either game or fishing matters and under no circumstances must they obstruct a game or fishery officer in the execution of his duties.

Misconduct by our Indians will only tend to tighten the regulations and make living conditions more difficult. Kindly instruct all your Indians to do what is right.

Yours truly,

FRANK EDWARDS,
Indian Agent.

Liquor

In the matter of liquor for the Indians, we suggest that we be given the same privilege as the white people. The same laws should be applied. In this way a lot of trouble would be prevented. An Indian will get his liquor regardless, but from a bootlegger, or he will get poisonous stuff such as lemon extract, rubbing alcohol and a number of other things, for which he will pay a considerable price. Depriving anyone of anything only makes one worse. During the time liquor was rationed, the liquor stores were full all the time; now when the rationing is off there is hardly anyone in these stores. Even the white people are that way too. So, since we are debarred altogether, it only makes the Indians worse. When they get hold of a bottle, they drink the liquor down as fast as they possibly can, in fear that the police will catch them with a bottle on them. Some may try to keep away from towns, being afraid they might get picked up; they wander off, probably fall asleep on a railroad track and get run