The Methodist Church Department of Cemperance and Moral Reform CONFEDERATION LIFE CHAMBERS, TORONTO Toronto, July 25, 1911.

Hon. Frank Oliver, M.P., Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, Ont.

Honourable and Dear Sir:-

As a member of the Committee of the Moral and Social Reform Council of Canada, which brought before the Dominion Government the question of Indian Lands in British Columbia, I have been informed by Mr. A. E. O'Meara of the present status of the question. It is most gratifying to learn of the practical interest taken in this question by both the Dominion Government and the Secretary of the Colonies of the Imperial Parliament. We are all encouraged to hope for definite progress in the settlement of this important question; and that, while the development of Canada shall not in any sense be retarded, the rights of the Indians shall be therearchly series are all the control of the Indians shall be thoroughly safe-guarded.

Mr. O'Mears has just now shown me his letter to you requesting financial help towards the legal expenses necessary to protect the rights of the Indians. As a member of the Committee taking a deep interest in the whole question. I have thought you would pardon me for expressing the hope that you will see your way to consent to the grant asked for by Mr. O'Meara. Your readiness to render every possible assistance to every reasonable effort which tends to the betterment of Canadian citizens, and the best interests of our people, will, I feel certain, insure your favorable consideration of this request.

Yours faithfully.

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General Secretary.

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