

*By Mr. MacNicol:*

Q. To which particular tribe do you belong?—A. The Seneca tribe.

*By Mr. Castleden:*

Q. I understand you represent the elective council?—A. Correct.

Q. Is there another organization known as the Confederacy?—A. I believe it does exist. I believe they have delegates here.

Q. How many Indians have you on the Six Nations area whom you represent?—A. There are a total of about 5,500 on the list.

Q. That is of the Six Nations altogether?—A. Yes. Of which you could possibly say 50 per cent would be women. That would leave, of course, a balance of 2,750 males. From that list you could subtract about 400 as the total number of boys. Though that group belong to the school age there have been about 800 in attendance at our day schools. That would leave us about 2,350. If you take another 250 to represent the boys of the pre-school age group you would have left 2,100. In addition to that you could safely subtract an additional 200 to allow for the boys between the ages of 16 and 21 who are not voters. That leaves approximately 1,900 eligible voters. I think you will agree with me that at no election does the entire body of eligible voters express an opinion. In Brantford recently we found that only 45 per cent turned out to the election. Consequently, I think we could safely assume that only about one-half of the 1,900 would register their vote. That would mean approximately 950 active voters. Of that group in the 1946 elections for the present elected council there were 571 votes cast, and that was with two districts not participating. There were acclamations in two groups. Consequently, we got 571 votes cast in the remaining four districts. I think, sir, that will give you a picture of the group and the elective council.

Q. Yes. Had the Indians the privilege of one vote or two?—A. They voted for two councillors.

Q. And the total number of votes cast for the two councillors was?—A. 571.

Q. I do not know whether you represent the 5,000 Indians in the Six Nations reserve.

The CHAIRMAN: There are other representatives here.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: There are representatives here from the Confederate group?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

*By Mr. Castleden:*

Q. How were your delegates selected?—A. They were appointed by the council in session.

Q. The councillors met— —A. The councillors met and selected the spokesmen.

Q. How many councillors are there?—A. Joseph Hill and I were selected.

Q. How many councillors were there when the selection was going on?—A. I have no way of saying, sir, as it was done in committee, but I presume the entire council was represented.

Q. How many councillors would there be?—A. There are normally twelve, but I think there are only eleven active this year.

Q. It would be at a meeting of those eleven councillors?—A. Yes.

*By Mr. MacNicol:*

Q. Are all your tribes represented; the Mohawks, Onondagas, Oneidas, Cayugas, Senecas and the Tuscaroras; are they represented here?—A. In the elective council it is a geographical selection with no consideration of the different tribes. Under the hereditary system I think you will find that the representation was by tribe.