

A people in transition

Historically, Indians have been one of the most socially and economically disadvantaged groups in Canada. Restrictive legislation governing Indians and their land, efforts to assimilate Indians into non-native society, a lack of economic development opportunities, inadequate education — these and other factors have been links in a chain of dependency on government.

Today, however, Canadian Indians are making others understand that they were once free, self-sustaining nations with their own forms of government. They have achieved significant progress in virtually all aspects of daily life over the past 25 years, with the promise of even greater breakthroughs in the 1990s. Indians are, in fact, in a period of transition as they pursue a cultural, social, political and economic revival.

