

Mr. MACNICOL: Before one o'clock, would it be possible to have each one of the witnesses give us the origin of his tribal names? Chief Yellowfly has made such a splendid report, I am sure he would be able to give an intelligent answer to the question concerning the name, "Blackfeet"?

The WITNESS: There has been a controversy over that but the commonly accepted version is that it was not owing to any prairie fires, but was due to the colour of the soil. We have a black loam and, together with those famous winds which we have in that part of the country there is a lot of dust and black soil blowing about which blackened the moccasins of the Blackfeet, whereas in the bush country, as you might say, the real estate was rather permanent and did not fly all over one's clothes.

Mr. MACNICOL: May we have the same information from the previous witnesses as to their tribal names?

The CHAIRMAN: Chief Crow Eagle, could you give us the derivation or etymology of your tribal name, the Peigan tribe?

The WITNESS: May I explain that there is a tribe of Blackfeet. Blood and Peigan are clan names and Blackfeet is the tribal name. Blood and Peigan merely designate the clan, the same as MacDonalds, MacKenzies, MacNicol's and so on.

Mr. MACNICOL: What is the significance of the word "Blood"?

The WITNESS: That, I am not prepared to answer.

Mr. MACNICOL: Would you admit what a Blood Indian told me out at Cardston? I said, "Why do you call yourselves Blood?" He said, "You know, when a rich man has a young son who is a sport around town they call him a young blood; another man has a fast horse and they call him a 'blood' horse. We are the 'bloods' of the Indians."

The WITNESS: I prefer not to start a feud.

Mr. MACNICOL: Can anyone give us the origin of the name "Peigan"? When I visit the tribes, I like to enquire as to the origin of the name.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gladstone, do you know?

Mr. GLADSTONE: The Bloods liked to cook the blood of the animals they killed and that is why they were called "Blood".

Mr. MACNICOL: When I asked out on the Blood reservation why the Blackfeet were called Blackfeet, the man to whom I spoke told me it was because, up in that part of the country, they had so many prairie fires and they walked through the blackened material which blackened their feet. Therefore, they called them Blackfeet.

The CHAIRMAN: I do not think it would be well to start the interrogation of the witnesses at this stage. The representatives will be here again tomorrow. Now, is it your pleasure to have a session this afternoon or shall we take the day to digest what has been given to us? As you know, this being Monday, a number of the committee members are not in attendance. Many of them will not return to the city until about one o'clock to-day.

Mr. MACNICOL: It will take us all our spare time to digest the briefs.

The CHAIRMAN: The Senate will also be back tomorrow so our joint-chairman will be with us then.

Mr. BRYCE: Will there be ample time without sitting this afternoon?

The CHAIRMAN: That all depends on the members of the committee. Could we say we will sit tomorrow morning and afternoon if necessary?

Mr. CASE: Your purpose is to have tomorrow for the examination of witnesses?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.