

They claimed that the War Measures Act was invoked against us. No one knows better than us that it was. Canada was at war. We moved with very little resistance yet with broken hearts from the place we knew as home for centuries. Some of the very boys that resided thereon volunteered previously to defend our Country, our little portion of land which we often boasted was our portion of Canada, Stoney Point.

While they yet shouldered arms and fought on the bloody battlefields of Europe for freedom for liberty for the belief that "right makes might" they learned that our little Reservation was lost not to the enemy but to our great White Father.

Two of our lads paid the supreme sacrifice. Again you ask us to-day to ascertain the views of our band of Indians in regard to treaty rights and obligations.

As chief of Kettle Point Band of Indians, my reply to question (1) Treaty Rights and Obligations is this:

We still feel that our treaties are still good as the day they were made. If the word of the Crown has been any good in the past in dealing with other people and other countries, then just as sure as the Government is pulling the wool over our eyes to-day, "I maintain they are still good."

Give me the support of the majority of the Canadian Indians with the finances necessary plus an International Court of Justice and I will prove that the Crown's treaties with the Indians are still good. Sure you know they are good. They have never been abrogated by the Indians in majority. Perhaps portions of certain Reservations have been sold by trickery of shall we say a superior mind, a mind which knows the fundamentals of finance?

We the people of Kettle and Stoney Point Band of Indians demand that our former Reservation which is now Camp Ipperwash be restored to us, pay us the rent which is due to us along with damages for same.

Yours truly,

CHIEF FRANK BRESSETTE

*for Kettle Point Band of Indians.*

I now come to the Walpole Island brief which I will read.

In response to the request of the Joint Committee and having in mind that there are general problems pertaining to all reserves and that to each particular reserve there may be special problems all the members of the band of Chippewas and Pottawatomies on Walpole Island, St. Anne's Island, Bassett's Island and the islands adjacent thereto with rivers, creeks, marshes and low lands surrounding and including our reserve submit:

That this band of Chippewas and Pottawatomies say this reserve in all its boundaries has not been surrendered to the Crown and that therefore there are no crown lands on this reserve. That this band has full confidence in His Majesty, our King and in our government at Ottawa.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Would you like me to read for a while?—A. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: That it welcomes the investigation now being held and desires to in our own way present the things that bother us, the things that hold us back, and the things that we think in all fairness are due to us. The Joint committee has, it seems, wide powers. We believe it wants to know what this country wants to do with us and should do for us. In the opinion of