

Ethel Blondin, newly elected Member for the riding of Western Arctic is a member of the Dene nation and herself a graduate in Education of the University of Alberta. Willie Littlechild, newly elected Member for the riding of Wetaskiwin in Alberta, is the first treaty Indian ever elected to the House of Commons and is, by training, a lawyer.

These two Members exemplify the value that access to post-secondary education can have for Canada's aboriginal peoples, both of them having distinguished themselves in their communities before their election to the House of Commons. As well as providing examples to follow for the students with whose futures this report is concerned, these two Members have provided the Committee with a direct and personal knowledge of the subject of this report that has greatly assisted our labours. The views expressed in this report are those of the Committee and not of its individual members, but we are grateful to these two Members of Parliament for their contribution to our efforts.

This report is not the end of a process, but a part of what we hope will be a continuing process of examining the needs which Indian and Inuit Affairs programs are intended to meet, a process in which, as a Committee, we intend to continue to be active.