

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 27th September, 1875.

On a memorandum dated 17th September, 1875, from the Honorable the Minister of the Interior, stating that he has had under consideration two telegrams received from Mr. W. J. Christie, the Chief Commissioner in charge of payment of annuities to Indians under Treaty No. 4, at Qu'Appelle Lakes, representing that the number of Indians assembled is largely in excess of the estimate formed by the Commissioners last year.

The Minister observes that it was then supposed that the number within the limits of the Treaty did not exceed 2,500, and on this supposition the estimates were submitted to Parliament.

That from the annuity money now asked for by Mr. Christie it would appear that the Indians who will present themselves for payment this year number about 4,500, or 2,000 in excess of last year's estimate.

That this number at \$17 per head (namely \$12 per head for treaty gratuity and \$5 per head for the current year's annuity) represents a sum of \$34,000.

The Minister therefore recommends that the sum of thirty-four thousand dollars (\$34,000) be placed to the credit of Indian Funds for Treaty No. 4, any balance not required for annuity purposes to be employed in defraying other necessary expenses connected with the Treaty.

The Honorable the Minister of Finance, to whom the above memorandum was referred, reports that there is no Parliamentary appropriation from which the expenditure contemplated in the said memorandum can be paid.

The Honorable the Minister of the Interior reports that the necessity for the expenditure referred to being urgent, he recommends that a Special Warrant for the amount be prepared and submitted for Your Excellency's signature, under the provisions of the second sub-section of Section 35 of the Act 31st Victoria, chapter 5.

The Committee submit the foregoing recommendations for Your Excellency's approval.

Certified.

(Signed),

W. A. HIMSWORTH,

Clerk, Privy Council.

To the Honorable
The Minister of Finance.