

were under the treaty system, according to which the dominion government had an obligation to them; and that obligation, in so far as the dominion is concerned, has been maintained uniformly.

By the Chairman:

Q. I might point out to you, gentlemen, that if we are to have these treaties copied in full, it would mean that each member would have to have a book, because they are now in book form ⁽¹⁾. I think a better procedure would be to give us a reference to the volume where these treaties are incorporated. Mr. MacInnes probably could do that for us at the next meeting?—A. Yes, I can leave the volume with you; it is over there on the chair.

Mr. MacNICOL: Well, the book is in the library and we can go there and look at it. If Mr. MacInnes would put in the reference number, we could go to the library and look it up.

The CHAIRMAN: It is now nearly one o'clock. Shall we call it one o'clock?

Mr. CASTLEDEN: There will be further discussions on this whole matter of treaties.

The CHAIRMAN: Oh yes; perhaps we should, before closing, remind the members of this committee that the next meeting of the committee will be on Tuesday, June 11, at 11 o'clock in the morning, and again at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, two meetings next Tuesday; but there will be none on Thursday next, the 13th.

Mr. CASE: I note that in the order of reference, item No. 1 is "Treaty rights and obligations"; so it would appear that that is an important factor in our obligations.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: I would suggest, too, in that regard, in all fairness to the Indians themselves, who are affected in this, I think in all justice, we should have, in the discussions of the various treaties and their rights, we should have the Indians who are affected by these treaties—at least one representative of each of those groups—here. I have a copy of the Northwest Angle Treaty No. 3 and a report of the conversations that took place between the chief and the governor at that time.

The CHAIRMAN: What are you reading?

Mr. CASTLEDEN: A copy of the Northwest Angle Treaty No. 3, report of the proceedings of the conference between the Indians themselves and the governor, at the time of the signing of the treaty.

The CHAIRMAN: Is this an historical sketch you are giving us?

Mr. CASTLEDEN: No, it is an actual copy of the government report of the treaty at the time the treaties were signed between the Indians and the governor.

Mr. RICHARD: But the conversation is not reported in the treaty?

Mr. CASTLEDEN: No.

The CHAIRMAN: Well then, it is an historical sketch; it is not a verbatim report of the meeting that was taken down in shorthand?

Mr. CASTLEDEN: It is a report of the actual conversation. Isn't that true, Mr. MacInnes?

The WITNESS: Yes, that is true.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: This is the type of thing that took place:—

(1) Indian Treaties and Surrenders, Vols. I, II and III, King's Printer, 1905.