

We recommend that they retain their birthright, and if any children, they remain as members of that band until they become of age and decide for themselves regarding enfranchisement.

5. *Question of Voting is Undecided*

6. *Encroachment*

Indian reserves were reserved for Indians only, according to our Treaty Rights and such should be respected. There are cases where the Indian agent upholds white people residing on reserves, and carrying on commercial business, which leads to a lot of trouble.

7. *Re Schools*

Answered in (Sec. 9) of Indian Act.

8. *Other Matters Pertaining to Social Welfare of Indians and their Advancement*

We have poor conditions in housing, so we are requesting assistance for the unfortunate. The medical attention and hospitalization is very unsatisfactory. We request a particular attention on Housing and Health, dental examination and care for children, such as vaccination and inoculations.

The health care of the Indians has recently been taken over by the National Department of Health and Welfare, and as it is explained to us by our agent, Mr. McCracken, that since February, a new ruling has been issued by the Health and Welfare department and is very unsatisfactory.

That all existing health facilities be available to the Indians.

9. *Roads*

This year there were \$250 allotted to cover some 13 miles and others than Indian are travelling on this road.

Mr. CASE: What page is that on?

The WITNESS: I just inserted that. Now here is the article that I got from the Kettle Point band of Indians.

1. *Treaty Rights and Obligations*

Have we any treaty rights left, and are there any obligations?

In recent years Mr. Mindy Christianson, Inspector from the Dept. of Indian Affairs Branch at Ottawa stated at Walpole Island Reserve that our old Treaties were not worth the snap of a finger any more. Was he a competent authority on Indian Treaties made by the Crown with the Indians? Perhaps he was, otherwise he wouldn't be hired by the Government to interpret the present day feeling of the Canadian Government's policy towards its native population. Mr. Mindy Christianson also stated that the only Treaties recognized by the Canadian Government were the "Treaties of Surrender."

We the inhabitants of Kettle Point Band of Indians suffered as great a humiliation as any country in Europe which was occupied by the enemy insofar as Sovereign Rights are concerned. We thought that our "treaties of surrender" were still good as stated by the official sent by the Dept. of Indian Affairs to Walpole Island and our Reservation in recent years. When the Dept. of National Defence wanted our former Reservation which was known as Stoney Point for a Military Camp in 1941, they came to us as gentlemen and asked us to vote on the proposition in the good old democratic way by ballot. The majority which was 57 said no, the minority which was 13 said yes. What a relief it was as we felt that our little handful of land some 2,600 acres reserved by our forefathers would remain intact. What a sorry and humiliated group we were to think that our great White father had let us down. They removed the pitiful remnants of our Reservation from Stoney Point Reserve along with their belongings, then the Military Machine moved in.