

I visited Bare Island point personally twice, and I know from what I saw that there is nothing but rock, thistles and a few willows on that point. If the Indian department has an interest in the welfare of the Indians they should see to it they have their own choice of their home. Bare Island is really the true name—b-a-r-e—nothing but rock. Mr. Arneil has been there. He would bear me out on that. I think that is the end of my presentation on behalf of the Timagami band. There is one more thing here. They have been prosecuted for the infraction of game laws, and something must be done to remedy the situation.

Some of this chief's nephews pay fines as high as \$30, \$40, \$50, for taking animals for their own livelihood. It was not so in the treaty. Their rights must be protected and I appeal to you hon. gentlemen for serious consideration of this matter. I have one or two other briefs but I will file them to-morrow if it will be satisfactory to you.

The CHAIRMAN: There is no objection to that. I do not think the committee will object to you filing those briefs to-morrow. That will be quite all right. Thank you very much for your presentation to-day. If you will now retire Chief Tom Roy is here.

Mr. Tom Roy, representing the Northwest Angle Treaty Indians, called:

By the Chairman:

Q. Are there any others with you in your delegation?—A. No, I am all alone, presenting the brief.

Q. First, Chief; you reside, where?—A. On Whitefish Bay reserve.

Q. Where is that?—A. That is between Kenora and Fort Frances.

Q. How long have you been chief?—A. I am not the chief of any band.

Q. You are not a chief?—A. I am not a chief. I have been referred to as chief, but I have to qualify that.

Q. How old are you?—A. Twenty-seven.

Q. Did you attend an Indian school?—A. Yes. I attended the Whitefish Bay day school on the reserve.

Q. How far did you go?—A. Fifth grade, and then I went to the sanitarium in Fort William and while there for two years I took a bookkeeping and correspondence school course and learned a little history.

Q. That is interesting. How long were you there?—A. Two years.

Q. What do you work at now?—A. Prospecting.

Q. Are you getting any good leads? Are there any other preliminary questions members of the committee would like to ask? If not, would you proceed with your brief.

The WITNESS: Yes.

Mr. Chairman, honourable members of the committee: It is an honour for me to be given this opportunity to present to you some of the grievances that are most urgently in need of correction by this committee. I can only speak in general terms to cover all of Treaty No. 3. I had called a meeting of my Indians for the 26th of this month when we were going to prepare our brief, but since I got your invitation and the date of my appearance here was set, I cancelled the meeting and I am not able to give you a full report, such as I had wished to present. I was unaware that I would be appointed to represent Treaty No. 3. According to the minutes of your proceedings, there were to be six from Ontario, but their names were not known.