

Mr. FARQUHAR: What is the name of your organization?

The WITNESS: The Union of Ontario Indians.

By the Chairman:

Q. Do you say you represent all the Indians of Walpole Island?—A. Yes, we have two gentlemen here who are appearing with us.

Q. I think what you mean is that you have a man from Walpole Island, but you are not representing all of the Indians on that island?—A. He was supposed to represent them.

Q. He was not appointed. I do not think he was appointed. Mr. Adams could probably tell us.

Mr. CASE: Are the Indians of Walpole Island members of your organization?

The WITNESS: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Some of them are, but not all.

The WITNESS: I do not know about that.

The CHAIRMAN: This 837 represents all the Indians on Walpole Island.

Mr. FARQUHAR: What makes you think they are not?

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The reason I say that is that I have had many representations made to me to the effect that they are not represented by the organization.

The WITNESS: I believe you had better have Mr. Sands here.

By the Chairman:

Q. He is not the chief there, is he?—A. He is not the chief, but he was sent here by the band.

Q. By the council, was he?—A. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Were you sent here by the band, Chief Sands? Did the council at Walpole Island send you here?

Chief SANDS: Me?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Chief SANDS: No. I am on the executive committee of the North American Indian Brotherhood. I had a meeting to attend and I went.

The CHAIRMAN: That confirms what I have said. When you say that you have 5,320 as a total that really is not quite right, is it?

Mr. CASE: However, that is his statement.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes. You are a delegate and a representative of the northern Indians. Now, we would like to hear you. Will you go ahead with your brief, Mr. Jackson, please?

The WITNESS:

BRIEF OF THE UNION OF ONTARIO INDIANS' ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

SUBMITS:—

To the Chairman, honourable members of the joint committee, Senate and members of the House of Commons, especially appointed to investigate treaty rights and to consider the revision of the Indian Act.

Before I go on I must say one thing. I want to thank the chairman and the members of this committee for recommending and passing the old age pension bill for the old Indian people. That has been appreciated all over the country, and the decision was a noble one. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I must say that we have recommended it, but that has not yet become law, as you know.