

quoting words used by the Hon. G. A. Walkem in 1875: 'The common dictates of humanity, apart from the moral lessons of education, silently but eloquently appeal to our better nature to shun oppression, and to protect and assist the ignorant and helpless. Such principles of action are not new. They have been happily engrafted upon our Constitution, which, in the case of the Indian, views a disregard of his rights as oppression, and that oppression as a synonym for slavery.'

"The third principle is that a just settlement, and, therefore, a final settlement, can only be arrived at by a mutual understanding between the white people and the Indian tribes. That can be said with regard to every inter-racial problem. We have the white man's point of view and the Indian's point of view. It is only when the white man understands something of the Indian's and the Indian understands something of the white man's that there will be a coming together and a final and just settlement. May I venture, as I am addressing an audience that knows full well the white man's point of view, to give you the Indian's point of view, as I have heard it expressed by some of themselves. They say: 'God made us and our forefathers, as well as the white man and his forefathers. God made these valleys and mountains and rivers. God stocked the mountains with the game and the rivers with the fish, and God gave all these to our forefathers.'

"Let me close by suggesting what may be expected as some of the results of the solution of the problem. In the first place it will bring justice to the Indian tribes of this Province. In the second place, I am convinced, and I believe you will be convinced, that that which will bring justice to the Indian tribes will also bring advantage to all others concerned, and that the more completely it brings justice to the Indians, the more completely will it bring advantage to all the other interests. In considering this Indian land problem we must have before us the great fact that justice is one of the supreme laws of the Universe, one of the laws of the Great Creator of the Universe, and therefore we must conclude that it is the just settlement of this problem which will bring the greatest advantage to all the interests of the Province."