

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS

has the honour to present its

An editorial in the *Calgary Herald* November 30, 1990 stated, "The testimony at these hearings... will not be pretty... But it is a necessary process if trust is to be nurtured and understanding established." Those words were proven prescient in the course of the hearings conducted from January

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The Committee appreciates the support shown by the 35 Members of Parliament from all three national parties, who in one manner or another, participated in this set of hearings.

In accordance with its Order of Reference of October 22, 1990, your Committee has considered and heard evidence relating to the Events at Kanesatake and Kahnawake during the summer of 1990, and reports its findings and recommendations.

The Committee is greatly indebted to several individuals who provided guidance, direction and coordination to the work of the Committee. The clerks, Martine Brisson and Normand Radford, both exhibited loyal and committed service in the face of great challenges. Martin Kelson joined the team and provided very astute advice in his capacity as Senior Legal Counsel with the Office of the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel. Theresa Nahanee took time from her law studies to provide valuable insight into the issues we faced. Rolande Soucie provided an essential research and support role in her quiet, capable and thorough manner.

For the fifth report in a row, this Committee had the good fortune to have Wendy Mox to lead the research and drafting work. Her effort, commitment, unwavering dedication and good judgement have served this committee in the best possible manner, not only with this report, but also for the previous two years.

In closing, perhaps it would be helpful for all Canadians to recall the words of Mohandas Gandhi

"To understand nonviolence one must first understand violence in its distinct aspects — physical and passive."

Passive violence in the form of silent suffering, aggression, hate, fear, anger and all the subtle ways in which it manifests itself, are the most insidious violence in society. It is the duty of the physical and passive alike to eliminate passive violence."