

## APPENDIX HY

## CONFEDERACY OF THE INTERIOR TRIBES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Special Joint Committee  
of the Senate and the House of Commons  
on the Indian Act,  
House of Commons, Ottawa.

Honourable Members of the Committee:

The representations, respectfully submitted, of the Confederacy of Interior Tribes of British Columbia on Indian Administration reads as follows:

Substitution of Paragraph 2, page 2004 of Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence No. 41 of the Special Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons, Thursday, July 10, 1947.

(2) That a Commission, in the nature of a Claims Commission, be set up with the least possible delay to inquire into all the rights and obligations due the Indians, whether treaty or non-treaty Indians of Canada whether original Indians always resident in Canada or who were allowed to emigrate into Canada and settle.

To appraise and settle in a just and equitable manner and to provide adequate compensation for all rights and obligations taken away which cannot be given back and to give back the rights and obligations to all Indians, which can be given back to them.

First. The Treaty Indian who made an agreement with the white man.

Second. The Indian who welcomed the white and allowed him to peaceably penetrate in the Indian Lands.

Third. The Indian who was welcomed in the country by both Indians and whites and allowed to become one of us.

Substitute for Paragraph 11:

"That Indians who are qualified for any position in the administration of Indian affairs at any level, be given a preference for appointments to such positions within that administration for which they qualify or are suited.

That qualification or suitability in reference to the Indians mentioned above shall not be subject to Civil Service restrictions, but the qualification or suitability shall depend entirely on the question whether the Indian above-mentioned is capable of handling the position he is assigned to and a number of new positions for Indians may be made such as welfare and field work and housing work to work directly with Indians to encourage them in their efforts."

Add at end of Paragraph 12:

"Such agent, shall be acceptable to the Indians of the agency he is sent to and to have a good knowledge of the customs and habits of the said agency that he is in charge of so that he is capable of being a real agent of the Indians."

Add to Paragraph 14:

"Providing the assistant is acceptable to the Indians."

Add to Paragraph 17:

"And are acceptable to the Indians."

I cannot impress upon you that you must have men acceptable to the Indians. It is a waste of time and effort to place a man in a position over Indians whom they have no confidence in, and having him there is just a detriment to Indian affairs.