

A deputation representing "The Conference of Friends of the Indians of British Columbia" waited upon the Hon. Richard McBride, Premier, the Hon. Price Ellison, Minister of Finance, and the Hon. Dr. Young, Provincial Secretary, at the Parliament Buildings, Victoria, on Tuesday 23rd January, 1912, at 12.30 o'clock. The deputation consisted of Mr. P. D. McTavish of Vancouver, Chairman of the "Friends of the Indians", Rev. Arthur E. O'Meara of Victoria, Mr. F. C. Wade, K. C. of Vancouver and Mr. Arthur Lee of Victoria.

*Mr. McTavish:* We consider necessary an accurate record of this interview and we ask that notes be taken by the stenographer with whom we have arranged.

*Mr. McBride:* It is not usual that interviews with the Executive should be so reported and on the present occasion I see no necessity for it.

*Mr. McTavish:* A stenographer reported previous interviews on this subject, as you know.

*Mr. McBride:* That is correct, but I do not see fit that notes of this interview should be taken. You must consider that matter as decided. We must assume the responsibility. Of course you are at liberty to make public a statement of what is said so far as you see fit to do so. We cannot prevent that.

*Mr. McTavish:* If you so decide we have no option in the matter. At the same time a record of the interview is of great importance to us.

*Mr. Wade:* I suggest, Mr. McBride, that we prepare from memory a statement of the interview and hand it to you for approval.