

Whereas, the Union of Saskatchewan Indians maintain that there should be Indian representation in the drafting of this Indian Act;

Be it therefore resolved, and we do hereby petition the Indian Affairs Branch that Indian representation be placed upon the said committee; and

Be it further resolved, that independent legal counsel be provided the Indian representatives by the Dominion Government at no cost to themselves.

VII. NON-TREATY SIOUX INDIANS OF SASKATCHEWAN.

Whereas, there is in the Province of Saskatchewan a considerable number of Sioux Indians (Non-Treaty), and

Whereas, there are certain anomalies in the status of these people in that when a male Sioux Indian marries a Treaty Indian woman, the said woman assumes the status of a Sioux non-treaty Indian;

Therefore be it resolved, that we petition the Indian Affairs Branch that it give special consideration to Sioux Indians in order that they may enjoy full rights and privileges of a full-treaty Indian.

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED AND PASSED AT MEETING OCTOBER 7, 1947, BETWEEN THE INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH, THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND OFFICIALS OF THE FISH BOARD, HAVE ALSO BEEN ENDORSED BY THE UNION OF SASK. INDIANS. RESOLUTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(22) We recommend that a joint Northern Development Programme be embarked upon by the Federal and Provincial Government with respect to the development of the North as a means of making the residents self-sustaining and that a Northern Development Programme be established on a 60-40 basis, similar to the Fur Programme.

(23) In view of the fact that commercial fishing is one of the mainstays in supporting the livelihood of the Treaty Indians and the Metis population in the North, as well as that of the whites, and as it is also a fact that a reasonable standard of living cannot be maintained at present high prices of goods and comparatively low prices of fish, we recommend that, in place of a work and wages programme, the Federal and Provincial Governments replace relief by payment of a subsidy on all fish produced in these Northern areas.

(24) We recommend that the Department of Natural Resources officials be permitted to issue Social Welfare to sick or destitute Indians or Metis where none other appointed for this purpose is resident in that area, and that such issuances be under the authority of the Federal Government in the case of Treaty Indians and under the authority of the Provincial Government in the case of the Metis.

(25) We recommend that an Educational Programme be drawn up to teach the Natives the proper use and care of their equipment and the proper handling of the product to ensure the highest possible return to the people and the lowest possible waste.

(26) We recommend that the administration of any joint agreement between the Provincial and Federal Government be carried on in a manner to avoid over-lapping and duplication.

(27) Whereas, in the past advances have been made to Northern natives only on the basis of making profits by exploitation of the natives, and

Whereas, the advancing agency has not been in the position of putting into effect any conservation or development Programme in the North,

We hereby recommend that the Government Agencies be called upon to take some definite part and action in regard to advances made to natives of the North.

(28) Whereas, we believe in a policy of supplying employment in development of our Natural Resources such as much better than administering social aid to natives of the Northern Areas, we recommend that the Federal Government should shoulder their rightful responsibility in assisting the Provincial Government in making advances to fishermen and trappers.