

church for a certain sum of money (\$1,000) which the company agreed to. A resolution passed to the Indian department by a small number of Indians requesting the same be approved, followed by other resolutions, which was finally approved by the department, yet contrary to the original agreement, and the Indian Act which calls for majority before approved. Up to date we have no church, as we were requested to tear it down by the company. Finally there was a resolution passed voting the sum of \$20,000 from our band funds to build a church, majority not present, so a petition was passed around receiving 56 names in favour, followed by a protest petition which the Indian department favored. I wish to refer you to section 93 of the Indian Act, which reads in portion—

The Governor in Council may direct the expenditure of any capital money standing at the credit of such band in the construction of permanent improvements upon the reserve.

(S.S.) 2—In the event of the band refusing to consent to the expenditure of such capital moneys as the superintendent general minister may consider advisable for any of the purposes mentioned in S.S. (1) of this section and it appearing to the superintendent general minister that such refusal is detrimental to the progress or welfare of the band, the Governor in Council may without the consent of the band, authorize and direct the expenditure of such capital for such of the said purposes, as may be considered reasonable and proper.

I estimate there wouldn't be a more permanent improvement than a church in any community.

Re Agreement—Alloy Steel Co. regarding Council House

A special meeting was held at the Indian office, with the Indian agent, Mr. McCracken present and Chief T. Adams, and councillors, Russell Bird, Jas. B. Williams, and a committee Clarence Plain and Kenneth Plain present.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the moving of the Council House. Mr. B. H. McCreath on behalf of the Dominion Steel Co. was present at the meeting.

The deadline for the removal of the Council House be Sept. 1st 1945, that the entire balance owing for all lands which was surrendered by the Indian Band, be paid by February 15, 1945.

One hundred and fifteen acres of land including at least 1200 feet of river frontage and including land in which Dominion Alloy Steel buildings and equipment are situated shall be held by the Department as a guarantee that the Council House will be built by Sept. 1st 1945, and that if the said Council House is not completed by that time on the new site, the above mentioned property, namely 115 acres, plus the Alloy Steel Buildings shall be returned to the Indian band and shall be their property.

The Dominion Steel Corp. agree that any alterations in the plan of the new Council House will be made at the request of the band, also that the Alloy Steel Co. comply with the terms of the original surrender dated Dec. 10, 1919, that the Alloy Steel Co. pay \$500.00 to the band to be used in rebuilding the Fair Grounds. Carried.

At a band meeting held April 11th 1947, a resolution passed that the Sarnia band of Indians foreclose on Mr. McCreath who represented the Dominion Alloy Steel Corporation, failing to fulfil the agreement of Dec. 13, 1944.

Carried unanimously. After the Indian department refused to foreclose on the company this same property which was given to us for security was sold for \$232,500, we consider we are justified in getting an explanation on this.

After this property was sold the Indian department ordered the company to complete the Council House within 60 days, if not completed in the specified time they would be penalized \$100. per day.