

2b. That the members of your Committee be empowered by Order in Council to sit in Ottawa as a Commission during the two weeks immediately prior to the opening of the next Session of Parliament, for the purpose of continuing the inquiry into and reporting upon all those matters mentioned in the Orders of Reference dated (#), and to hear evidence of any person or organization who may be affected by the matters heretofore considered by your Special Joint Committee and who may desire to be heard by the said Commissioners; and that the said Commissioners be authorized to engage the services of counsel, secretary and shorthand writers to aid and assist the said Commissioners in their inquiry;

3. That immediately Parliament next reassembles, a Special Joint Committee on Indian Affairs be constituted with powers similar to those granted your Committee on (#);

4. That, as the amount of work still necessary to be done by a Parliamentary Committee is of great magnitude, particularly with regard to Treaty Rights and Obligations, a small inter-departmental committee be set up to survey and report to your next Committee with regard to that particular subject-matter of our Orders of Reference;

5. That the Director of Indian Affairs Branch, Department of Mines and Resources, in conjunction with the Civil Service Commission and the Treasury Board, take immediate steps to fill such vacant key posts as Indian Agents and such other vacancies in Indian Affairs Branch which, in the public interest, must be filled forthwith;

6. That the establishment for Indian Affairs Branch, Department of Mines and Resources, be increased to provide for the appointment of at least two Indian Agents at Large;

7. That consideration be given by the Civil Service Commission to the desirability of placing additional classifications of the Indian Affairs Field Staff under the provisions of the Civil Service Act;

8. That more direct methods be employed for the return of rentals collected on behalf of Indian lessors;

9. That the Indian Affairs Branch immediately undertake the drafting of plans: (1) for the construction of such additional accommodation as is necessary to relieve the present over-crowding in certain Indian day schools; (2) to provide for the construction of such other Indian day schools as, in the opinion of the said Branch, are needed;

10. That as benefits have accrued to many Indians as a result of Fur Conservation and Development work undertaken by the Indian Affairs Branch, steps be taken to extend the fur conservation and development programme into those provinces into which it has not yet been introduced.

A copy of the minutes of proceedings and evidence taken before the Committee is appended.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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*Joint Chairmen.*

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