

Be it therefore resolved, that we petition the Indian Affairs Branch, requesting that Treaty Indians be not compelled to pay the fee for such leases and other relevant permits on Natural Resources obtained either on, or off the Reserves.

(4) *Destruction Natural Resources.* The following resolution was submitted by delegates from Northern Saskatchewan:

Whereas, as a result of the development of electric power facilities, located at Island Falls in Northern Saskatchewan, necessitating the periodic release of water from the power dam, which water has had the effect of destroying such natural resources as muskrat marshes and beaver colonies, and

Whereas, such destruction of natural resources has resulted in a reduction of the earning capacity of Treaty Indians resident along the sinuosities of the water course, and

Whereas, Treaty Indians, residing as above mentioned have not been compensated in any manner whatsoever for such loss of natural resources,

Be it therefore resolved, that we petition the Indian Affairs Branch to appoint a Commission to study the extent and nature of the destruction of these natural resources with a view that some cash compensation be accorded the Treaty Indians involved for the loss of these natural resources.

#### IV. EMPLOYMENT OF INDIANS.

(1) Whereas, it has been brought to the knowledge of the Union of Saskatchewan Indians that a treaty Indian, named Eli Wuttanee, after being recommended by a medical doctor, Dr. Kirby, has been refused employment at the new Indian Hospital at North Battleford, Saskatchewan, and

Whereas, the fourth report of the Senate and the House of Commons by the Special Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons appointed to "continue and complete the examination and consideration of the Indian Act", reads as follows:

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

Be it therefore resolved, that mere lip-service will not implement the conditions of the said recommendations, and that the Indian Affairs Branch be insistent upon the carrying out of this recommendation.

#### V. P.F.A.A.

Whereas, the Union of Saskatchewan Indians in its May, 1947 brief made certain representations with regard to benefits under the Prairie Farm Assistance Act, and

Whereas, the Treaty Indian farmers have not as yet been brought within the terms and provisions of this Act, and

Whereas, since the submission of the representations referred to a considerable number of Treaty Indians pursuing the vocation of agriculture have suffered crop failure due to drought conditions,

Be it therefore resolved, that immediate or early amendments be made to this Act to include the Treaty Indian Farmers, and

Be it further resolved, that a separate representation be made to the proper authorities urging immediate action upon this very important subject.

#### VI. INDIAN REPRESENTATION.

(1) Whereas, the Special Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons appointed to examine and consider the Indian Act are entering into the third year, and

Whereas, it is indicated that matters appertaining to a proposed revision of the Indian Act will be considered by the said Committee during this year, and