

## Section 50 (S.S. 2) (A-B).

Lease and licenses to prospect for minerals, which reads that the Governor in Council may make regulations enabling the Superintendent General in respect of any reserve, (a) & (b) as follows:

We recommend the band, chief and council be given the authority to lease property for minerals, providing the band, chief, and council consider necessary.

## Section 52—S.S. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

## Expropriation Act.

Inquiry and report by Exchequer Court as to removal of Indians.

For years back, the southwestern Ontario Indians have appealed to the Department of Indian Affairs to abolish section 52. We request the honourable members of this joint committee to recommend at once this section 52 be abolished. We regret very much to acknowledge that such law as section 52 was issued to be applied to the natives of this country, more so after the natives surrendered large territories and reserved small portions of land for their own exclusive use and enjoyment, and their posterity, as the government agreed to by treaty, and a pity for the Indians to realize that there are laws made whereby the Indian is deprived of his birthright, so we feel we are justified in requesting the members of the joint committee to recommend this section 52 be abolished.

## Section 91—Reduction of purchase money due on sale of Indian lands.

We consider this section unjust, unfair, to the Indians to have his bargaining price cut down to suit the purchaser, we recommend this section be abolished.

## Section 93.

We request this section be abolished reason being we are the undersigned owners of land and money referred to in this section, so we therefore request to govern the lands and money referred to in this section.

## Section 99 (A).

Duties of agent at meetings of council rather than the Indian agent having full control of council meeting, as at times the agents do not recommend resolutions passed by chief and council, yet these resolutions passed are a credit to an individual or band, so we request that the chief and council have full control of meetings and send resolutions direct to the Indian department.

Regarding the revision of Indian Act.

The Maoris of New Zealand are generally spoken of by Indians throughout Canada. It is wondered why the same laws can't be made for the Indians of Canada.

We feel justified to recommend there be Indian representation to assist in revision of the Indian Act, and also legal counsel be employed as well to represent the Indians.

The CHAIRMAN: Do you want me to read the next section?

The WITNESS: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN:

Re—Surrender to the Dominion Alloy Steel Co. by the Sarnia Band of Indians on December 13, 1919.

I will read in full, if requested by the honorable members of this committee, but I wish to call your attention to a particular portion of the agreement which reads as follows:

The company agreed to move our public buildings, or put up ones as good on a site selected by the band.

Here I am explaining the situation eleven years after, some of the Indians patience got exhausted on account of the company not fulfilling their agreement, so some Indians approached the company officials stating they would move the