

1. *Treaty rights and obligations.*—We suggest that all treaties be reviewed as to terms and obligations of parties concerned and new interpretations devised to coincide with present-day conditions.

2. *Band membership.*—That band concerned be notified of any applications for membership so that they (the band) too, may have some authority as to who should or should not be admitted.

3. *Liability of Indians to pay taxes.*—That taxes on income or on real and personal property be not at the present time introduced, excepting those recommended by council as bylaws in accordance with the Indian Act.

4. *Enfranchisement of Indians.*—That voluntary enfranchisement be the rule as heretofore, but that band concerned be given some authority in recommending applicant for enfranchisement.

We strongly urge that some provision be included, in any changing of the Act, whereby a newly-admitted member cannot in the course of a short time enfranchise and take out his share of capital funds. To prevent the transaction becoming a "racket" we suggest that one must be a member for a stipulated number of years so that he shall have had time and the privilege of becoming an asset to the reserve which has admitted him.

5. *Eligibility of Indians to vote at dominion elections.*—That the members of our band are eligible to vote because we feel that we have sufficient education and understanding of questions of the day to vote intelligently. We also feel that due to the splendid war record, and sacrifices of our soldiers, and to the fact that we do pay indirect taxes in our daily transactions outside the reserve, we are entitled to a voice in our country's affairs.

6. *The encroachment of white persons on Indian reserves.*—That any encroachment of a demoralizing nature be not tolerated. We have considerable amount of labour on our reserves. On these jobs we ask that only Indian labour be employed wherever such can be handled by Indians.

7. *The operation of Indian day schools.*—That the system of using missionary teachers be abolished. We would like to see our day school system supervised by a school board, as in white communities, so that a properly qualified teacher will always get the appointment. We suggest we elect one member from the reserve to sit in with the school board of one of our adjacent white communities and supervision to issue therefrom. We would appreciate too, some financial aid in advancing some of our children through high or technical school, when certain ones are deserving of such. We cannot urge too strongly the need for better education for the new generation. We believe it is the key to the ultimate solution of the so-called Indian problem.

8. Education will, of course, show its results in the next generation, but for the present generation any ways or means that can be arranged to increase the individual income of our people will automatically raise our standard of living, that is, under proper supervision. To that purpose we submit the following suggestions with regard to our own particular reserve.

(1) The introduction of old age pensions and mothers' allowances.

(2) The construction of two suitable docks, one on our island and one on the mainland. A large part of our reserve is well situated, not far from the mainland for summer cottages. Transportation is our problem. If we had suitable wharves and a government boat, as supplied for some reserves, we believe that we can greatly increase our individual as well as our collective income, when we consider the revenue derived from a summer tourist business.

(3) A telephone connecting the island with the mainland would be a great convenience. It is a necessity at times of the year when we are isolated.