

The CHAIRMAN: It is a rather lengthy document; however, it is entirely up to the committee.

Mr. BLACKMORE: I would rather hear it read.

The CHAIRMAN: It reads:

SESSIONAL PAPER NO. 151

THURSDAY, April 5, 1945.

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Return to an Order of the House of Commons, dated 22nd March, 1945, showing:—

1. What is the text of the Haldimand Treaty under the terms of which the people of the Six Nations Indians were settled on territory on each side of the Grand River in Ontario.

2. What are the terms of the lease by which part of the territory, granted to the people of the Six Nations Indians under the Haldimand Treaty, was rented by Captain Joseph Brant and what were the rentals.

3. What is the total amount of money—the property of the people of the Six Nations Indians—now in possession of the Department of Indian Affairs and how is it used and administered.

The attached information has been received by the Secretary of State of Canada from the Department of Mines and Resources.

(S.) N. McLarty,
Secretary of State of Canada

Reference No. 10

Mover: Mrs. Nielsen

Dated: April 5, 1945.

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES

Answer:—

1. The Haldimand Treaty referred to is a grant and not a treaty. A copy of the text of the grant is attached.

2. Joseph Brant, under authority of a power of attorney, from the Six Nations Indians, dated November 2, 1796, made a number of leases to whites who settled on the Grand River. The leases were issued for a term of 999 years at a nominal consideration.

In 1830, Sir John Colborne, Lieut. Governor of Upper Canada, appointed three trustees on behalf of the Six Nations Indians to investigate and report on the claims under the Brant leases. A report subsequently was issued to which was attached a schedule of these leases indicating those recommended for approval and others which were disallowed.

3. There is an account in the Consolidated Revenue Trust Fund of Canada known as the 'Indian Trust Fund' and in that account there is shown as at February 28, 1945, to the credit of the Six Nations Indian Band at Brantford, amounts as follows:

Capital account, \$708,452.32

Revenue account, \$45,891.69

The account is administered by the Department of Mines and Resources in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Act.

NOTE:—Interest at 5 per cent is credited to the account on the 31st of March in each year.