

## REPORTS TO PARLIAMENT

THURSDAY, 6th May, 1948.

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 (Chapter 98, R.S.C., 1927), and all such other matters as have been referred to the said Committee, begs leave to present the following as a

## THIRD REPORT

Your Committee recommends that voting privileges for the purpose of Dominion elections be granted to Indians on the same status as electors in urban centres.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. TAYLOR,  
DON. F. BROWN,  
*Joint Chairmen.*

TUESDAY, 22nd June, 1948.

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## FOURTH REPORT

Pursuant to a Resolution of the House dated 9th February, 1948, your Committee continued and completed "the examination and consideration of the said Indian Act begun by a Joint Committee pursuant to a Resolution of the House on May 13, 1946, and continued by a similar Joint Committee pursuant to a Resolution of the House on February 13, 1947".

Since May 13, 1946, there have been 128 meetings and 122 witnesses have been heard. In addition, 411 written briefs from Indian bands and organizations and from other individuals and organizations interested in the welfare of our Canadian Indians have been printed in the Minutes of Evidence.

During the present session your Committee diligently examined the Indian Act section by section and has agreed to report as follows:—

## INDIAN ACT

Many anachronisms, anomalies, contradictions and divergencies were found in the Act.

Your Committee deems it advisable that, with few exceptions, all sections of the Act be either repealed or amended. The Law Officers of the Crown would, of course, need to make other necessary and consequential revisions and rearrangements of the Act which, when thus revised, should be presented to Parliament as soon as possible, but not later than the next session.

Your Committee recommends that immediately Parliament next reassembles a Special Joint Committee be constituted with powers similar to those granted your Committee on 9th February last and that there be referred to the said Special Committee the draft Bill to revise the Indian Act presently before the Law Officers of the Crown.