

We wish to thank the Honourable members of this Committee for your kind attention. We humbly beg that you will give our requests your favourable consideration.

Very respectfully yours,

J. M. PATTERSON, O.M.I.
Director,

The Catholic Indian Institute of B.C.

Note: The program outlined in this Brief is approved and formally recommended for the B.C. Indians by:—

His Excellency W. M. Duke, D.D., Archbishop of Vancouver.

His Excellency E. Q. Jennings, Bishop of Kamloops.

His Excellency James Hill, Bishop of Victoria.

This brief is sponsored by the Catholic Indian Institute of B.C., an association composed of Indian Chiefs, Captains, Watchmen and other leading Indians who carry out social works on the Indian reserves under the supervision of the Indian missionaries. A number of the signatures and names of these Indians supporting and suggesting this program are attached, who are representative of the approximately 15,000 Catholic Indians of B.C.

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APPENDIX GZ

P.O. Box 639,
Steveston, B.C.,
July 13, 1947.

Special Joint Committee
of the Senate and the
House of Commons on the
Indian Act,
House of Commons, Ottawa.

Honourable members of the Committee:

I am instructed by the Confederacy of the Interior Tribes of British Columbia to forward the enclosed brief and respectfully to ask that it be printed in the official record of the proceedings of your honourable Committee.

The Confederacy was organized last week for their own protection, and the reasons are contained in the said brief.

I will anxiously await the decision of the Joint Committee on the matters asked for in this brief and thanking you, remain

Yours very truly,

FRANK ASSU, *President,*
Confederacy of the Interior Tribes of British Columbia.

Resolved that we form an organization of the Native Indians residing in the interior of British Columbia to be known as the Confederacy of the Interior Tribes of B.C.

The object of the confederacy will be to act in unison for the general welfare of our people and to make known to the governments our requirements so that we may assist each other in the attainment of these requirements.