

Saanich and other Indians having made treaties with the Hudson's Bay Company in the early days would not militate against them should it transpire that the Canadian Government decided to pay treaty annuities to the Indians of British Columbia at some future date. They were told that as a matter of fact they were enjoying the same benefits as other Indians of the Province by expenditures from the Special Vote of \$100,000.00 per year which was granted by Parliament to be spent on British Columbia Indians for special purposes mentioned, in lieu of any cash annuities. Instances were shown them where expenditures were made in connection with educational, medical and aids to agriculture, which the Saanich as well as other Indians had been enjoying. This statement appeared to perfectly satisfy them and they left the office after expressing thanks to myself as Commissioner for the manner in which I had explained the situation to them.

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