

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Committee resumed at 4.00 o'clock p.m. Mr. D. F. Brown, M.P., Joint Chairman, presided.

Present:

The House of Commons: Messrs. Brown, Brunelle, Bryce, Blackmore, Case, Charlton, Farquhar, Little, Matthews (*Brandon*), and Raymond (*Wright*).

In attendance: Mr. R. A. Hoey, Director of Indian Affairs, Ottawa. Also, Mr. N. E. Lickers, Barrister, Counsel for the Committee and Liaison Officer.

Chief William Meawasige, Spanish, Ontario, representing Manitoulin Island and North Shore Indians, called. He read a brief. Mr. Lawrence Peltier, Wikwemikong, Ontario, was in attendance during the presentation. The witness also presented the following briefs to be printed in the records of the Committee:—

- (a) Brief (undated) of the Veterans' Association of Wikwemikong, Ontario;
- (b) Brief dated 12 May, 1947, of the Whitefish River Reserve, Ontario;
- (c) Brief (undated) of the Serpent River Band, Ontario;
- (d) Brief (undated) of the Spanish River Band, Ontario;
- (e) Brief (undated) of the Wahnapiatae Band, Ontario;
- (f) Brief, dated 18 May, 1947, of the Sheshegwaning Band, Ontario;
- (g) Brief (undated) of the Sucker Creek Reserve Band, Ontario;
- (h) Two letters, dated 12 and 16 May, 1947, signed by Mrs. Dorothy McLeod, Sucker Creek, Ontario, addressed to Canon Haines, Little Current, Ontario;
- (i) Brief, dated 11 May, 1947, of the West Bay Indian Band of the Manitowaning Agency, Ontario;
- (j) Three statements (undated) in support of representations in briefs from Wikwemikong.
- (k) Brief, dated 16 July, 1946, of the Mississauga Indian Reserve. (Printed as appendix 'AQ' on page 866 of Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, No. 21, 1946.)

(For text of items (a) to (j) see appendices (EZ) to (FI) attached.)

Mr. Henry Jackson, Christian Island, Ontario, representing the Union of Ontario Indians, called. He read a brief. In attendance during the presentation: Chief John Twain, Temagami, Ontario; Mr. Alex Paul, Temagami, Ontario; and Mr. Lewis Jackson, Christian Island, Ontario. (Appendix FJ).

Chief Tom Roy, Sioux Narrows, Ontario, representing the Northwest Angle Indians, called. He read a brief and retired.

Chief C. L. Big Canoe, Georgina Island, Ontario, representing the Georgina Island Indian Reserve, called. He read a brief and stood aside.

The Committee adjourned at 6.00 o'clock p.m. to meet again this day at 8.30 p.m.

 EVENING SESSION

The Committee resumed at 8.30 o'clock p.m. The Joint Chairman, Mr. D. F. Brown, M.P., presided.

Present:

The House of Commons: Messrs. Brown, Bryce, Blackmore, Case, Charlton, Farquhar, Harkness, Little, MacNicol, and Reid.