

generous treatment of native and conquered races, that has, by the creation of a spirit of confidence and loyalty, proved the mainstay of the British Empire. The Canadian Government has been justly praised for its noble treatment of the Indians from the Atlantic to the Rocky Mountains. Why not extend that work beyond the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean? The Indians of British Columbia are among the most intelligent progressive and manly of the Indians of the Dominion. They are the Indians, if any, that are destined to survive. They will be the first to be drafted into the ranks of Canadian citizens. It may prove a serious blot on the national honor if we fail to carry out our pledges to them at this time. And it may prove to be one of the brightest gems in our national crown if we seize the opportunity of finally settling this question on a just and permanent basis.

Upon conclusion of Dr. Tucker's address, the matters involved were discussed at considerable length with the Minister, who at the close of the interview expressed the hope that the Government would at an early date reach a decision, which, he said, would be communicated. No such communication was received.

THE NISHGA PETITION.

On 21st May last, the decision of the Nishga Tribe was carried into effect and a Petition of that Tribe was lodged in His Majesty's Privy Council. The developments which followed the lodging of that Petition will be shown by the documents set out below:—

MEMORIAL OF NISHGA TRIBE.

At Victoria, on 19th September, 1913, delegates sent by the Nishga Tribe of Indians waited upon the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs, and presented the following Memorial:—

TO THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS:

GENTLEMEN:—

1. For more than a quarter of a century the Indians of British Columbia have been asking that their rights be judicially determined. (First request made by Metlakatla Indians in 1886.)

2. In the year 1910 Canada through Sir Wilfrid Laurier and otherwise promised that our claims would be submitted to the Privy Council.