

and to honour Him not only with most colorful rites and ceremonies with thanksgiving, but with our very lives. He taught charity among all, justice and honesty.

He taught us to be kind to the aged and to our children, and prophesied that from this purity of living a mighty race will grow.

This league honours this teaching, not disparaging the word of God but holds fast to these ideals as a compliment to the fulfilment thereof. This league therefore honours the ancient religion of our forefathers and demands of all members a tolerant view and urges a pledge to follow this teaching, that our race might grow in statute physically and spiritually."

Mr. REID: Mr. Chairman, I want to ask Mr. Lickers (Counsel) for some information. Speaking for myself, I do not know anything about these gentlemen or who they are representing, and I would like to know. Is this group representing the Six Nations, are they official delegates representing the Six Nations Indians.

The CHAIRMAN: No, they are not representing the Six Nations.

Mr. REID: I would like to have explained to us just who they are. I would like to know.

The CHAIRMAN: All right.

Mr. REID: I want the picture clear in my mind. I think it should be explained who these gentlemen are if they are not connected with the Six Nations; if they are separate and apart from them we want to know who they are and who they represent. I must confess that I find myself somewhat in the dark on this matter and I want to get a clear picture of it now.

The CHAIRMAN: All right, go ahead, Mr. Lickers.

Mr. LICKERS: The first delegation that you heard was the delegation—

The CHAIRMAN: We are concerned with this delegation.

Mr. LICKERS: I thought perhaps I could explain the whole picture to you.

Mr. REID: Yes, give us the whole thing.

The CHAIRMAN: Your time is my time, gentlemen. You have a long list and little time; so, go to it.

Mr. LICKERS: The second delegation was from the hereditary chiefs of the Six Nations, as Chief Lickers pointed out. When the Indian Act came into force and also when the hereditary council was abolished on the Six Nations reserves and the elected council was set up there was very great division of opinion as to what authority the government had to do that, so that you have at the present time a sharp cleavage between them; the elected council and the people of the Six Nations reserves who believe that the government had no authority to impose the Indian Act on them still carry on under the old hereditary chief system. They hold council meetings and everything else like that. The next delegation that you had was the hereditary council; and now you have before you the Indian Defense League of America which comprises people from both the hereditary council and the elected council who are interested in seeing that the Indians are properly protected in connection with border crossings from Canada to the United States and vice versa. They are all Six Nations.

Mr. BRYCE: They are all Six Nations Indians?

Mr. LICKERS: Yes.

Mr. BRYCE: But they are not all from the one reserve?

Mr. LICKERS: No. They are all Six Nations Indians, but the first two delegations that you heard come in full from the Six Nations reserve.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, but to become a member of the defense league you do not have to be a member of the band; it does not matter where you live.