

12. OTHER COGNATE MATTERS

There are certain aspects of Indian Affairs administration which, perforce, require co-operation between Dominion and Provincial officials, to bring about the future economic assimilation of Indians into the body politic of Canada.

Your Committee, therefore, recommends that the Government consider the desirability of placing on the agenda of the next Dominion-Provincial Conference, for consideration by the Provinces, the following matters:—

- (a) Education;
- (b) Health and Social Services;
- (c) Fur Conservation and Development and Indian traplines;
- (d) Provincial Fish and Game laws;
- (e) Provincial liquor legislation;
- (f) Validity of marriage solemnized by Indians, on Indian reserves, according to tribal custom and ritual.

Your Committee realizes that the matters above enumerated are matters which, normally, are dealt with under provincial legislative powers. However, it should be possible to arrive at such financial arrangements between the Dominion and Provincial governments as might bring Indians within the scope of such provincial legislation, in order that there be mutual and co-ordinated assistance to facilitate the Indians to become, in every respect, citizens proud of Canada and of the provinces in which they reside.

13. APPENDIX

The Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence taken before your Committee are tabled herewith.

14. CONCLUSION

As this is the final report of your Committee, it is now considered fitting and timely to express due appreciation to all those individuals and organizations which, by their appearance before your Committee, or by carefully prepared written briefs, rendered valuable help to the deliberations of your Committee.

Officials from several departments of Government rendered particularly valuable service, as did Mr. Norman E. Lickers, barrister, who acted as counsel for the Committee and as liaison officer for the Indians of Canada.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. TAYLOR,
Chairman, Senate Section.

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration on Thursday, next.

The Honourable Senator Robertson laid on the Table:

Copies of Orders and Regulations relating to the Canadian Army published in the *Canada Gazette* during the period from 31st May to 12th June, 1948.

On motion of the Honourable Senator Robertson it was—

Ordered, That the name of the Honourable Senator Haig be added to the list of Senators serving on the Standing Committee on Natural Resources.