

Islands between Indian Reserve on Dinorwic Lake, Wabigoon reserve No. 27

This matter should be considered whether these islands belong to the Indian reserve or not.

That is the end of my brief. I do not think that I could add anything more because I am not prepared.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, Mr. Roy. We appreciate it very much and we will hear from you again a little later, if that is agreeable to you.
Witness retired.

Chief C. L. Big Canoe, Georgina Island Reserve, called:

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, before Chief Big Canoe proceeds, I presume it will be necessary for us to meet this evening. To-morrow afternoon we must vacate this room by one o'clock. As you know, the sittings of the committee are usually from eleven o'clock to one o'clock, two hours, and usually there is only one two-hour session in a day. We have extended that to-day. So far we have had two sessions, and if it is your pleasure we will meet again this evening and then sit to-morrow morning, but we will have to be through by one o'clock.

Mr. FARQUHAR: I think we should see how we get along to-night and to-morrow morning before we decide whether or not to sit to-morrow afternoon.

By the Chairman:

Q. You are a chief, are you?—A. Yes, I am.

Q. When were you elected?—A. In February of this year.

Q. For what reserve?—A. Lake Simcoe.

Q. How old are you?—A. Forty-three.

Q. Did you go to an Indian school?—A. I went to the school on the reserve and then to a continuation school at Lindsay and got my matriculation at Albert college.

The CHAIRMAN: That is fine.

Mr. FARQUHAR: How many Indians do you represent?

The WITNESS: A hundred and fifty-three.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions, gentlemen? All right, Chief.

The WITNESS: This brief was addressed to Mr. Lickers, but if it is your wish I will address it to you.

The CHAIRMAN: Fine.

The WITNESS: It reads as follows:

Georgina Island, Ont.

April 28, 1947.

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen: The circular letter sent to us in June, 1946 has been discussed (belatedly) in council and the following comments submitted, in a general way. However, we would appreciate the privilege of sending a delegate or delegates to attend one of the committee's meetings at any time you may deem convenient, so that our economic plans and suggestions for better health, better education, a higher standard of living, etc., as regards our own particular reserve may be more specifically outlined.

We are submitting hereunder comments under the various headings as suggested by your circular.