

4. That it will open the way for putting an end to all uncertainty and unrest, bringing about a permanent and satisfactory settlement between the white people and ourselves, and thus removing the danger of serious trouble which now undoubtedly exists.

5. That it will open the way for our taking our place as not only loyal British subjects but also Canadian citizens as for many years we have desired to do.

In thus seeking to realize what is highest and best for our people, we have encountered a very serious difficulty in the attitude which has been assumed by the Government of British Columbia. That Government has neglected and refused to recognize our claims, and for many years has been selling over our heads large tracts of our lands. We claim that every such transaction entered into in respect of any part of these lands under the assumed authority of the Provincial Land Act has been entered into in violation of the Proclamation above mentioned. These transactions have been entered into notwithstanding our protests, oral and written, presented to the Government of British Columbia, surveyors employed by that Government, and intending purchasers.

The request of the Indian Tribes of British Columbia made through their Provincial Organization, that the matter of Indian title be submitted to the Judicial Committee of His Majesty's Privy Council, having been before the Imperial Government and the Canadian Government for three years, and grave constitutional difficulties arising from the refusal of British Columbia to consent to a reference, having been encountered in dealing with that request, we resolved independently and directly to place a petition before His Majesty's Privy Council.

In following that course we desire to act to the fullest possible extent in harmony with other Tribes of British Columbia and with the Government of Canada.

We are informed that Mr. J. A. J. McKenna, sent out by the Government of Canada, has made a report in which he does not mention the claims which the Indians of the Province have been making for years, and assigns as the cause of all the trouble the reversionary claim of the Province. Whatever other things Mr. McKenna found out during his stay we are very sure that he did not find out our mind or the real cause of the trouble.

We are informed of the agreement relating only to the so-called reserves, which was entered into by Mr. McKenna and