

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 22nd May, 1947.

The Special Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons appointed to continue and complete the examination and consideration of the Indian Act (Chapter 98, R.S.C., 1927), and all such other matters as have been referred to the said Committee, met this day at 11 o'clock a.m.

*Presiding:* Mr. D. F. Brown, M.P., (Joint Chairman).

*Present:*

*The Senate:* In recess.

*The House of Commons:* Messrs. Brown, Bryce, Blackmore, Case, Castleden, Charlton, Farquhar, Gariepy, Gibson (*Comox-Alberni*), Harkness, Little, MacNicol, Matthews (*Brandon*), (Vice Chairman), Reid, Richard (*Gloucester*)—15.

*In attendance:* (From Indian Affairs Branch): Messrs. R. A. Hoey, Director; W. S. Arniel, Inspector for Ontario; Lt-Col. E. P. Randle, Superintendent, Six Nations Reserve, Brantford, Ontario; B. F. Neary, MBE., Superintendent, Welfare and Training; H. M. Jones, Supervisor, Family Allowances; G. Patrick, V.L.A.; B. Russell; also, Rev. Father Brachet, OMI., Fort Alexander, Manitoba; also, Mr. Norman E. Lickers, Barrister, Counsel for the Committee and Liaison Officer.

There were many Indians present from various Reserves in Ontario, including: J. Clinch; Allan Martin; Gordon Martin; (Six Nations); Laurence Peltier, Manitoulin Island; J. B. Tootoosis, President, Union of Saskatchewan Indians; J. A. Burnham, Indian Defense League; Chief Walter Sands, Walpole Island; E. D. Tabobondung, Parry Sound; Lewis Jackson, Christian Island; John Twain, Bear Island; Alec. Paul, Temagami; D. McKenzie, Temagami; P. McDougall, Temagami; Fred Pine, Mark Pine, William Shingwauk, Dan Shingwauk, all from Garden River; Chief J. A. Martin, Ohsweken; John Henhawk, Ohsweken; Herbert Jamieson, Ohsweken; James H. Martin, Ohsweken; Enos Maracle, Chief Councillor, Six Nations.

Mr. Charlton, introduced the members of the delegation representing the Six Nations Indians from Brant County.

Mr. Enos Maracle, Chief Councillor, Six Nations Reserve, expressed the appreciation of his Council for the hearing to be accorded the delegation.

Mr. Reginald Hill, teacher, Indian School, Six Nations Reserve, Brantford, Ontario, official delegate of Six Nations, was called, heard and questioned. He presented a brief the text of which appears in the Minutes of Evidence.

Mr. Joseph Hill, Supervising Principal, Six Nations Reserve, was called, made a statement and withdrew.

Chief Sam Lickers, representing the Hereditary Chiefs of the Six Nations was called, read in the record a brief, and withdrew.

Mr. Asa Hill, was called, placed on record the constitution of the Indian Defense League of America, also the brief of that League.

The Committee adjourned at 1.07 p.m., to meet again at 4.00 p.m., this day.