

Charges Laid by Band.

At a meeting at Black Town, on Dec. 23, 1916, charges were made in connection with conduct of Indian Affairs on Okanagan Indian Reserve, B.C., a meeting was called for this purpose by instructions of the Sec. of I. D. League, who fully explained communications received from Deputy Supt. General, Duncan Scott, and the Commissioner, Dr. J. A. J. McKenna. After discussions of the communications, resolutions were passed to make the following changes by the Chief and members present.

First Charge.

1. That Chief Baptiste Logan was deposed without cause.

2. That no complaint or charge was ever brought to the attention of the Band against him.

3. That Inspector Cummisskie's sole reason for opposition to the Chief, was that Baptiste had opposed the illegal deal for the surrender of the Long Lake I.R., Inspector Cummisskie having been one of the interested parties to this deal, which deal was reputed by Ramsdean McDougall, Commissioner.

4. That the election of Pierre Michell, conducted by Inspector Cummisskie, the Agent Smith, from Kamloops, was a strictly unlawful election in which every right of the Band was set aside, and by right of authority a disreputable chief was thrust on the Band.

5. That reports sent to the Department by the officials who engineered this election, were deliberately false reports.

6. That Pierre Michell did not secure a majority vote.

7. That he was not elected by acclamation, as reported by Inspector Cummisskie, or the agent from Kamloops, if he made report on the proceedings.

Chief and Band.

Witnesses, Alex Duteau.

Summons,

Second 'A' Charge.

1. That members of the Band been unjustly deprived of their rights to election for the position of

chief without just cause.

Tonasket last election.

2. That members of Band have been forcibly expelled from public business meetings of Band, without just cause by order of Inspector Megraw.

Witnesses, Band, Harry Isaac.

Second Charge.

1. That the matter of the Henderson lease was and is a criminal invasion of all the rights of the Band.

2. That Alexander Henderson's agreement was criminal and illegal.

3. That Inspector Megraw's conduct in connection with this matter was directly in variance with his duties, as Inspector of Agencies and directly opposed to the will and best interests of the Band.

Witnesses, Chief and Band
Copies, all papers in connection, Inspector's report, Agent's report.

Third Charge.

That Inspector Megraw exceeded his authority in forcing the man Henderson's presence on their Reserve, under the provisions of a strictly illegal agreement between a Nichola Indian, a non-member of the Band, and a whiteman, fully aware of the grossly unfair conditions of the fraudulent agreement against the authority of the Chief and the expressed opposition of the Band. The language and threats employed and the authority bearing towards the Chief and strictly recalled for.

Witnesses, Chief and Band.

Report of Inspector.

Fourth Charge

1. Inspector Megraw's reports regarding the incompetence of Chief Gaston, immediately following the Chief's refusal to countenance the fraudulent lease to Henderson, calls for the strictest investigation.

2. That Inspector Megraw has acted in an underhand manner with the Chief; is animated by personal spleen against Chief. That no charge has been brought against the Chief at any meeting.

3. That Inspector desires the removal of the Chief solely on personal