

for the Birdtail Reserve, 10 names,  
 for the Wood Mountain Reserve, 12 names,  
 for the Standing Buffalo Reserve, 49 names,  
 for the Oak River Reserve, 40 names,  
 for the Oak Lake Reserve, 22 names,  
 for the Village of Portage La Prairie, 29 names,  
 for Round Plains Reserve, Chief Henry Two Bears.

Note: Individual signatures are shown on original brief.

## APPENDIX HG

HIGH RIVER,

Alberta.

To the Honourable Ministers of the Cabinet  
 and Members of the House of Commons,

Ottawa, Canada.

It is agreed by those most thoroughly informed on Indian Affairs that the Stoney Indians of the Morley Reservation west of Calgary, are in the most pitiable plight of any tribe in Canada. The Reserve consists of about 90,000 acres of land, practically the whole area being little but a rocky, hilly gravel bed, utterly unproductive. On this land approximately 780 Stoneys are supposed to subsist, yet white men, familiar with its resources, assert that it would be incapable of sustaining more than seven white men. The freedom of hunting in the adjacent mountain area to the west, which once was theirs, has been curtailed by the formation of Banff National Park.

About one-third of these Stoneys, unable to maintain themselves on the Reservation, wander through the foothills in an effort to support themselves and their families by doing odd jobs for ranchers. They are developing agricultural skills in this experience, and learning what can be done with productive land. But this is, at best, a precarious existence. Lodged in tepees or deserted shacks, they have little protection against winter weather. They are undernourished, underclothed, and poorly housed. Yet even this is preferable to living on the Reservation.

Educational opportunity is obtained at the residential school at Morley, but it is quite inadequate to accommodate the children and there are at present about 150 children of the tribe receiving no education, growing up in illiteracy.

The difficulty with which practical gardening or farming is taught or practised on the Reserve at Morley may be appreciated by the experience of the past 20 years or more, in which only one crop of potatoes has paid for the planting.

Or, to quote some of the tribesmen themselves:

George Ebenezer says: "In Morley I got piece of land close home. Plant garden. Too many stones, too hot by day. At night always frost. Can't make vegetables. Just top soil belong to Indians. Coal and oil underneath belong government. But I like garden. Can't eat stones. My boys in young life can't eat stones."

Or Johnny Lefthand's troubles with stock: "One day I try make living at Morley like white man. Make cabin and barn. Ask government for two cows. Government give me two cows, two calves. Got up to 32 head, haven't enough hay. In March one winter lost almost all cattle, haven't hay. Start again, get