

we British subjects? Why when we wear a uniform can we be permitted to drink whiteman's ale and when war in over and uniforms off are we Indians and children of the government? It seems to us that the British ambassadors who negotiated the treaties with our people and paid us in the way set out in the treaty . . . then decided to eliminate us as a race. Would it be too much to ask that we be allowed to live and for that purpose to have

(a) An equitable and just Act governing our affairs and our relations within ourselves and towards other citizens of Canada.

(b) Government aid in establishing fishing, trapping, farming industry within the limits of our reservation. More liberal education and some assistance so that our own people can become competent in the things which will promote comfort and well being in developing our own natural resources on this reserve.

(c) To that end we ask some limitation be put upon provincial privileges so that persons having a licence to hunt or fish from the province of Ontario may not be permitted to hunt and fish upon our reserve as our department has stated certain waters entirely within our reserves are called navigable waters.

(d) When in 1882 our fathers voted for the St. Anne's lease we submit they had no intention of forever surrendering their and our rights . . . as this document shows only a ten-year lease. We wish a just and equitable interpretation be put upon these Acts. It is submitted that his reserve being near the international border cannot be governed by the terms of the present Act. We request financial help, care and hospitalization for the members of our band so as to give them the equivalent of all social legislation. The members of our band in general council have answered the questions contained in the letter of instructions in this way

2. Band membership should be in the sole control of this band and council.
3. Taxes—no.
4. Enfranchisement—Voluntary.
5. Voting rights—no.

The band has added the following covenants as a result of the general council meeting.

As we pay taxes indirectly on all community purchases we feel we should be granted old age pensions.

We feel for the benefit of our children that a larger central school should be built on the reserve and transportation provided. We feel with a population of over nine hundred a resident nurse should be employed by the department. The following treaties have relation to this and adjoining reserves—

Moore Township	Page 128 Vol I
Islands	Page 278 Vol I
4,000 Acres	Page 221 Vol II
Upper Canada	Page 19 Vol I
Canadian Club	Page 7 Vol II
Wallaceburg	2 acres of land on mainland
Jays Treaty	Page 880 (No 21)
Treaty of Peace	Book No. 9 Page 428

The CHAIRMAN: Would you like to read the next page?

The WITNESS: Yes.

Capital and interest funds

We are thankful to the government for the five per cent interest we are receiving on our capital funds, but we request that we be given the right to spend our interest money, where we consider it a credit to any individual or band.