

over. Some may go in a canoe, which probably will capsize and they will be drowned: that has happened time and again. Just before I left Kenora I went to see the police regarding this matter and they agreed that it was a good suggestion to make, that we be given this privilege. In the town of Kenora alone last year, the Indian fines on liquor were \$1,500, which all went to the federal government. The town solicitor is preparing a brief to ask that half of these fines go to the municipalities. In my opinion, this will make conditions worse for the poor Indians because the local police will be after them more. Not only when they do anything wrong, but if the police even smell anyone who has been drinking, he will be arrested. I have noticed several times the police talking to an Indian so closely that I thought he was trying to find out if he had been drinking.

In the matter of some of the Kenora citizens discriminating against the Indians, I took it up with the police and they said that it was out of their jurisdiction and could not do anything. The Indians are not allowed to occupy rooms in any of the hotels. I cannot even get a room myself. The information I got from the police was that the Indians are filthy, and some would get a room and would raise some trouble drinking. But why should I get blamed just because my fellow-Indian did something wrong? I have seen white lumberjacks filthy and raising a lot of trouble in rooms, more than I ever do or ever will do. So filthiness is not the reason. It's because we are Indians. Some of the restaurants would not serve Indians for the same reason. I was told once to get out; they told me that, being an Indian, they would not serve me. At the Palace theatre the Indians are given the farthest section of the theatre to watch the show. We are not allowed to sit with the white people or pick out our own seats. At the Bijou theatre we are not allowed to go in at all. Now our money is just as good as yours. This has been practised too long and I ask you that you put a stop to it.

Education

We ask we be given the same education you white people get. It is our opinion that we should get state education or a public school system. This is another of our treaty promises. I will read the paragraph from the original document, which is 74 years old.

And further, Her Majesty agrees to maintain schools for instruction in such reserves hereby made as her government of her Dominion of Canada may deem advisable when the Indians of that reserve so desire.

Q. What document is that?—A. This is the Northwest Angle Treaty No. 3.

Q. Is that the original treaty?—A. This is a copy of the original which was signed by the then Chief.

Q. You have it there?—A. Yes.

School teachers' salaries should be raised so that good or qualified teachers will be attracted. Modern day schools should be built on at least three reservations that I represent. I have received a lot of complaints against the residential schools but I cannot bring them up without sufficient evidence. I wanted to investigate further but could not find time after I received your invitation.

Since the Lake of the Woods Joint International Water Control Commission came into the picture, the water levels in the Lake of the Woods have caused damage to the wild rice fields by flooding them. The Indians used to make good living on harvesting this rice. If there was rice now, some of the Indians could make a ton of rice, and the price is at least \$1.25 per pound.

Medical Care

There should be a full-time doctor for each agency so that he could give all his time to attend to the Indians. A part-time doctor is just a waste of time and money, although I am not complaining against our doctor, who is a very fine man.