

(20) That all moneys already expended and to be expended by the Allied Tribes in connection with the Indian land controversy and the adjustment of all matters outstanding be provided by the Governments.

Your Committee cannot recommend the appropriation of any public funds for this purpose, but rather that parliamentary appropriations, if and when made, should be to further the progress and civilization of the Indians themselves.

In addition to the paragraphs already dealt with, the Indians had made certain additional claims before the Deputy Superintendent General in Victoria in 1923, and these may now be dealt with seriatim:—

MOTHERS' AND WIDOWS' PENSIONS WERE ASKED FOR AS EFFECTIVE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA FOR WHITE WOMEN

Parliament provides funds for sustaining indigent or destitute Indians in British Columbia and applications from Indians who require assistance in this way should be made through the Indian Agents to the Department.

CASH COMPENSATION FOR ANNUITIES SIMILAR TO TREATY ANNUITIES

It may be remarked with reference to the payment of annuities that the policy for the payment of annual sums to individual Indians was inaugurated in the early days, having in view the then condition of the Indians, and that the annuity might be a source of revenue for their support, but conditions have changed so materially that the need and usefulness of such a per capita payment to Indians of British Columbia is negligible. In lieu of an annuity your Committee would recommend that a sum of \$100,000 should be expended annually for the purposes already recommended, that is, technical education, provision of hospitals and medical attendance, and in the promotion of agriculture, stock-raising and fruit culture, and in the development of irrigation projects. An annual expenditure of this amount for these purposes would seem to be far more applicable to the Indians in their present condition than the payment of any per capita amount.

In concluding this Report your Committee would recommend that the decision arrived at should be made known as completely as possible to the Indians of British Columbia by direction of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs in order that they may become aware of the finality of the findings and advised that no funds should be contributed by them to continue further presentation of a claim which has now been disallowed. Furthermore, the Committee recommend that this report together with the evidence, be printed as an appendix to the journals of the House, and also in blue book form to the number of one thousand (1,000) copies and that Rule 74 relating thereto be suspended.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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NOTE.—This Report was concurred in on April 12. See Journals, p. 527.