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NATIONAL INDIAN ADVISORY BOARD HAS FIRST MEETING

It was a historic occasion when the National Indian Advisory Board met for the first time.

The meeting was held in Ottawa from January 10 to 12. The Honourable Arthur Laing,

Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, who also is Superintendent General of Indian

Affairs, headed the list of government representatives. Senior officers of the Indian Affairs Branch also attended.



Members of the National Indian Advisory Board were elected by members of the eight Regional Indian Advisory Councils from among themselves. The Advisory Councils are composed of Indians elected by the Indians of their region to represent them.

Advisers to Government

The job of the Advisory Board is to advise the government, on a continuing basis, on matters of national importance to Canada's Indian people.

The purpose of this conference was to seek the advice of the leaders of the Indian people and to consult with them about possible solutions to their various problems.

Many items were discussed during the conference, which gave the Advisory Board members an opportunity to make their views known. Discussions covered many facets of the complex Indian situation as it exists from British Columbia to the Maritimes, in both northern and southern regions of Canada.

Frank Discussions

Community development, federal-provincial relations in regard to Indian Affairs and many other topics were discussed frankly.

The concerns and hopes voiced by the Indians and Indian Affairs Branch officials are perhaps an indication that a new era is dawning for Canada's Indian people.

Party and was elected the same year to represent Vancouver-Point Gray constituency in the British Columbia Legislature.

He returned to federal politics in 1962, representing his old federal riding. He was appointed Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources on April 22, 1963.

NATIONAL INDIAN ADVISORY BOARD: Shown during their three-day meeting with federal government officials in Ottawa, left to right, are: front row, Phillip Paul, British Columbia; George Manuel, British Columbia, elected vice-chairman; Mike Oka, Alberta; Chief Lionel Shannacappo, Manitoba; Chief Edward Laliberte, Saskatchewan; Mrs. Agnes Casaway, District of Mackenzie; R. F. Battle, Assistant Deputy Minister for Indian Affairs; Mrs. Clara Tizya, Yukon;

Chief Cornelius Bignell, Manitoba; second row, Lorenzo Big Canoe, Ontario; Aurelien Gill, Quebec; Wallace Labillois, Maritimes; Michael Bernard, Ontario; Kenneth Harris, British Columbia, elected secretary; Chief Maurice McDougall, Alberta; Chief Wilfred Bellegarde, Saskatchewan, elected chairman. Members missing from the picture are Chief Omer Peters, Ontario; Arthur Anderson Jr., Ontario, and Chief James Gaspé, Quebec.

THE SMILES ARE STILL THE SAME

A quick trip to the Maritime reserves last November was my first trip "down east" since my navy days.

As I suspected, things have changed greatly. One thing that has not altered is the warmth and hospitality of the Maritimers — both Indians and others.

Not everything is rosy in the Atlantic provinces. Unemployment, due partly to a lack of skilled workers, is a major problem to many of the Micmac and Malecite people.

One thing that surprised me was the youthfulness of several Indian leaders. Chief Jack Wysote of Restigouche and Chief Guy Condo of Maria are among the young men of the area who are keenly aware of the problems and what must be done. They both are working with great energy and wisdom to help their people gain prosperity.

I was not there long enough to become an expert on the Maritimes, but I got the impression that things are beginning to move — not through any special favours or consideration from government agencies, but through the determination and efforts of the Indian people.

During my trip, I never lost the warm feeling of friendship that is part of life in the Maritimes. I hope my own friendship and admiration for those I visited are reflected in this edition's Maritime reports.

— Russell Moses.

Minister has long record of service

The Honourable Arthur Laing, Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, who is now responsible for the Indian Affairs Branch, is an agricultural scientist who has served in public life since 1949, when he was first elected to represent Vancouver South in the federal parliament.

Born in Eburne, B.C., he graduated from the University of British Columbia with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree in 1925.

He then worked for the Vancouver Milling and Grain Company Limited until 1933, when he became manager of the Agricultural Chemicals Division of Buckerfield's Limited in Vancouver.

In 1953 he left his seat in the federal parliament to become leader of the British Columbia Liberal

Le Conseil consultatif des Indiens se réunit

La première réunion du Conseil consultatif national des Indiens, qui a eu lieu à Ottawa du 10 au 12 janvier, a été un événement historique.

L'honorable Arthur Laing, qui est à la fois ministre du Nord canadien et des Ressources nationales et Surintendant général des Affaires indiennes, était le principal représentant officiel du Gouvernement. Les fonctionnaires supérieurs des Affaires indiennes étaient aussi présents aux séances.

Les huit Conseils consultatifs régionaux des Indiens ont choisi parmi leurs membres les Indiens qu'ils ont élus pour former le Conseil consultatif national. Les Conseils consultatifs sont composés d'Indiens élus par les Indiens de leur région pour les représenter.

La fonction du Conseil consultatif est de conseiller continuellement le Gouvernement sur les affaires d'importance nationale pour le peuple indien du Canada.

Cette conférence avait pour objet de demander l'avis des personnalités dirigeantes parmi les Indiens et de discuter avec elles des moyens à prendre pour résoudre leurs divers problèmes.

Longue carrière du Ministre

L'honorable Arthur Laing, ministre du Nord canadien et des Ressources nationales, de qui relève aujourd'hui la Direction des affaires indiennes, est un spécialiste en agriculture dont la carrière dans la vie publique remonte à 1949, l'année où il fut élu la première fois pour représenter la circonscription de Vancouver-Sud au Parlement fédéral.

Né à Eburne (C.-B.), il obtenait le baccalauréat en science agricole à l'Université de la Colombie-Britannique, en 1925.

Il travailla à la *Milling and Grain Company Limited*, de Vancouver jusqu'en 1933, puis devint directeur de la Division de la chimie agricole, de la *Buckerfield's Limited*, à Vancouver.

En 1953, il quittait son siège au Parlement fédéral pour devenir chef du parti libéral en Colombie-Britannique, puis il était élu la même année pour représenter les électeurs de Vancouver-Point-Gray au Parlement de la Colombie-Britannique.

C'est en 1962 qu'il revint dans l'arène fédérale pour y représenter son ancienne circonscription fédérale. Le portefeuille du Nord canadien et des Ressources nationales lui fut confié le 22 avril 1963.

Durant la conférence, on a délibéré sur plusieurs questions et fourni ainsi aux membres du Conseil consultatif l'occasion d'exprimer leurs opinions. Les délégués à la réunion ont considéré les différents aspects de la situation difficile qui existe chez les Indiens depuis la Colombie-Britannique jusqu'aux Maritimes, dans le Nord comme dans le Sud du Canada.

Le développement communautaire, les relations fédérales-provinciales touchant les Affaires indiennes et bien d'autres sujets ont été discutés ouvertement.

Les Indiens et les fonctionnaires des Affaires indiennes ont fait connaître leurs préoccupations et leurs espoirs qui présagent peut-être le début d'une ère nouvelle pour le peuple indien du Canada.

Rencontre des rédacteurs indiens

Les rédacteurs de dix-sept publications indiennes se sont réunis à Ottawa à la mi-janvier.

La conférence, sous les auspices de la Commission du Centenaire, a eu lieu à la demande de nombreux groupes d'Indiens afin d'expliquer le rôle des Indiens au Canada durant l'année du Centenaire qui approche.

Les rédacteurs ont discuté de divers projets pour la célébration du Centenaire et ont convenu qu'il fallait employer une méthode coordonnée pour répandre les nouvelles et les opinions indiennes dans tous les groupes indiens.

Mlle Dorothy Roy, rédactrice de *The Prairie Call* de Winnipeg, a joué un rôle important dans l'organisation de la conférence.

Nous espérons donner un compte rendu détaillé de la conférence dans le prochain numéro.

SELF-SERVICE

A modern co-operative store is helping to solve many shopping problems for the James Smith Band of Crees in Saskatchewan's fertile Carrot River Valley.

The store is patterned after modern super-markets and operates on a serve-yourself basis with a check-out counter. The store stocks full line of grocery items as well as clothing and hardware.

The Fort a la Corne Post Office also is in the store, with most of its patrons being among the 850 members of the James Smith Band.

The senior citizens and mothers find this a real convenience as they no longer have to "hitch" rides to Kinistino, 15 miles distant, for their mail and groceries.

ESSAY WINNER Remarquable

activité du sous-ministre

Moses Janvier, 13-year-old member of the Cold Lake Chipewyan Band in Alberta, was a winner in the Farm Safety Essay Contest. A school plaque was sent to the Cold Lake Day School and Moses received a pin.

Moses, who is now in Grade Six, plans to complete Grade Eight schooling and study a trade.

Indian hero wins first certificate

Michael Gibson, 15-year-old Indian youth, has been awarded the first St. John Grand Priory certificate for bravery ever given in Canada.

Michael saved his younger brother Allan from drowning in an open well on September 17, 1963, near their parents' home on an Indian reserve at Chemainus on Vancouver Island.

Michael will receive the rare award personally from Lord Wakehurst, grand prior of the world-wide St. John order who will be in Victoria next Saturday to inspect members of the Victoria branch of the order.

St. John officials said every detail was thoroughly checked out before submitting Michael's rescue to Lord Wakehurst, head of the order in London.

His rescue was described as "a conspicuous act of gallantry".

The near-drowning occurred September 17, 1963, when Allan, then five, fell into the well while the brothers were filling pails. Michael immediately jumped in, not knowing the depth of the water, and held his brother's head above water while another brother, George, ran for help.

La carrière de M. Ernest-A. Côté, le sous-ministre du Nord canadien et des Ressources nationales, est remplie d'activités diverses et distinguées.

Natif d'Edmonton, il a obtenu le grade de bachelier ès sciences à l'Université Laval et a gradué en droit à l'Université de l'Alberta.

L'année de son inscription au barreau, en 1939, il s'enrôlait dans le célèbre Royal 22^e régiment de Québec avec le grade de lieutenant. Au cours de ses cinq années de service outre-mer, il accéda au grade de colonel, fut cité à l'ordre du jour et créé membre de l'Ordre de l'Empire britannique, en reconnaissance de ses services.

C'est en 1945 qu'il entra au ministère des Affaires extérieures. Il participa à plusieurs conférences internationales, puis remplit les fonctions de chef de la division de l'Amérique de ce Ministère.

En 1955, il était nommé sous-ministre adjoint au ministère du Nord canadien et des Ressources nationales et devint sous-ministre en 1963.

His ordeal in the 15-foot well, standing in water up to his armpits, lasted for 20 minutes until his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gibson, were able to lower a ladder for the exhausted brothers to climb up to safety.

A St. John official said a significant point in determining the award was that Michael did not know the depth of the water and both brothers could have drowned.

LE MESSAGE DU MINISTRE

A vous tous j'adresse mes meilleurs vœux pour la Nouvelle Année et la promesse que je m'acquitterai de mon mieux de mes nouvelles responsabilités à la direction des Affaires indiennes. C'est pour moi un très grand honneur d'avoir été chargé de ces fonctions et c'est aussi une invite. Je ferai donc tout en mon pouvoir pour vous aider à obtenir la formation ou l'instruction dont vous pourrez avoir besoin, vous seconder dans vos efforts pour assumer de plus en plus de responsabilité dans la gestion de vos propres affaires et participer à la prospérité croissante du Canada.

La fusion des Affaires du Nord et des Affaires indiennes permettra, j'en suis sûr, de mieux servir le peuple indien et de vous aider effectivement à vous occuper de vos propres affaires. Vos dirigeants pourront de plus en plus exprimer leur opinion lorsqu'il s'agira de politiques et de décisions, ce qui nous permettra de mieux connaître ce que les Indiens du Canada veulent obtenir pour eux-mêmes.

Mon collègue, l'honorable John R. Nicholson, m'a demandé de vous dire qu'il apprécie les relations cordiales et les heureuses expériences qu'il a eues en sa qualité de Surintendant général des affaires indiennes, et de vous exprimer à tous ses meilleurs vœux.

Les responsabilités qu'il assumait me sont confiées à un moment où il se manifeste un nouvel entrain à la Direction des affaires indiennes, une détermination de mettre les choses en marche. Je vous promets que cette activité se poursuivra et s'accroîtra. J'espère rencontrer personnellement plusieurs d'entre vous au cours des mois à venir. D'ici là, bonne chance et mes meilleurs vœux.

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HON. ARTHUR LAING

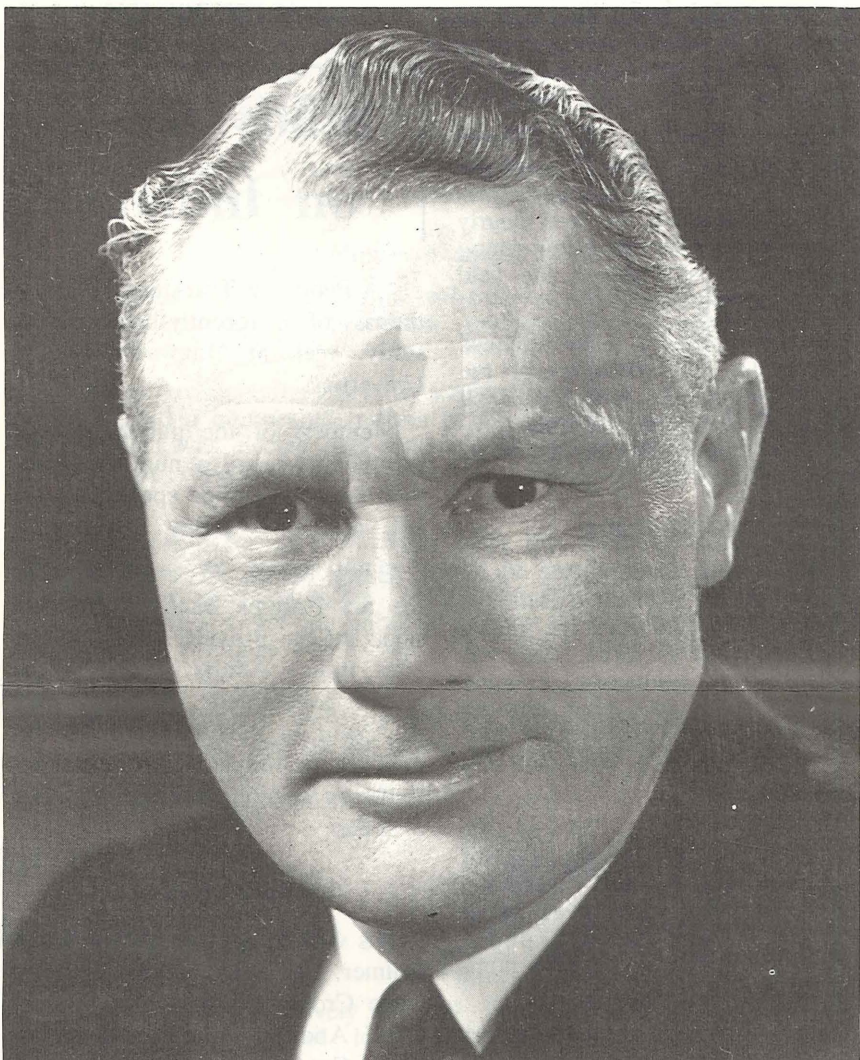
Minister of Northern Affairs & National Resources, and Superintendent General of Indian Affairs

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THE HONOURABLE ARTHUR LAING, P.C., M.P., B.S.A.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

To all of you I send good wishes for the New Year, and the promise that I shall do my best in my new responsibilities for Indian Affairs. It is to me a very great honour and a challenge to have been given these duties, and I intend to do everything that can be done to assist you to get the training or education you may need; to assume increasing responsibility for your own affairs; and to take your share of Canada's growing wealth.

The linking together of Indian and Northern Affairs will, I am sure, result in better service to the Indian people, and more effective help to all of you in your efforts to look after your own affairs. Your leaders will have more and more of a voice in policies and decisions, so that we will know better what the Indian people of Canada want for themselves.

My colleague, the Honourable John R. Nicholson, has asked me to thank you for his many friendly associations and rewarding experiences as Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, and to assure you of his continuing interest and best wishes.

I take over his responsibilities at a time when there is a new spirit in the Indian Affairs Branch, a determination to get things moving. I promise you that this will continue and grow. I hope to meet many of you personally in the months to come. Meanwhile, good luck and best wishes.

Farming big business under trust company

The Alexander Band of Crees, northwest of Edmonton, Alberta, are making farming big business through an unusual arrangement under which band land is farmed by its own trust company.

Three years ago there were 45 leases on the reserve, all farmed by non-Indians. The Indians remained unemployed while others farmed their land.

Last fall the band reaped 27,000 bushels from 550 acres planted and tended by band members.

It began with a series of meetings in which band members concluded that, while they were capable of running equipment and doing the physical work of farming, all their efforts failed because of their lack of management experience.

The band decided to establish a trust to manage its land and its first step was to appoint a board of trustees. This included Councillor James Arcand, who then was chief, Councillor Leo Bruno, and three leading citizens in neighbouring communities.

During the first year, the trustees acted as an agricultural advisory committee to bring about a better control of the lessees.

When authority to turn the land over to the trust was obtained, the band began its own farming operation. Last spring it took over a number of leases, some of which have expired, and others which were obtained because of default by the lessee.

Besides the 550 acres seeded and harvested, 1,300 acres were sum-

mer-fallowed and 100 acres were broken.

All the work was done by members of the band and this provided steady employment for a number of men all summer. A large granary was erected by band carpenters. This winter the trust is erecting modern cattle corrals and sheds, and fencing large pastures to develop a substantial cattle herd.

It has been forecast that within two or three years the trustees will have over 5,000 acres under cultivation and four to five hundred cattle owned by the band, providing work for a good number of people.



ERNEST A. COTE, M.B.E.

Deputy Minister distinguished in varied fields

Ernest A. Côté, M.B.E., Deputy Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, has had a varied and distinguished career.

Born in Edmonton, he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from Laval University and a degree in law from the University of Alberta.

In 1939, the year he became a lawyer, he joined the famous Royal 22nd Regiment of Quebec as a lieutenant. During the next five years overseas he achieved the rank of colonel, was mentioned in dispatches and further honoured for his services by being awarded the M.B.E.

He joined the Department of External Affairs in 1945, serving on a number of international conferences and later acting as head of the Department's American Division.

Mr. Côté joined the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources in 1955 as Assistant Deputy Minister and became Deputy Minister in July, 1963.

Indian newspaper editors confer

In mid-January the editors of seventeen Indian publications met in Ottawa.

The conference, sponsored by the Centennial Commission, was held at the request of many Indian groups to explain the role of Canada's Indian people in the forthcoming Centennial year.

Discussions were held on a variety of centennial projects and the editors agreed on the necessity of a united method of getting Indian news and views to all Indian groups.

Miss Dorothy Roy, editor of *The Prairie Call*, Winnipeg, played a large part in making the conference a reality.

We hope to make a full report of the conference in our next edition.



HERMAN BROWN

Athletes receive Longboat awards

We have a double list of fine Indian athletes who are to be honoured by Tom Longboat awards.

Nominations were made in both 1964 and 1965 but neither list of winners was released until recently.

These awards are made by the Indian Affairs Branch in co-operation with the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, which selects the winners. Made in honour of the great Onondoga runner of the Six Nations Band who was one of the world's best distance runners early in the century, they include a trophy for the best Indian athlete and sports-promoter in Canada and a medal for the top athlete in each region.

The trophy for 1965 goes to George Herman Brown, 52, a Haida of the Skidegate Band in British Columbia. He still wins rifle tournaments and although he no longer competes in all of the other sports he used to do so well, he is very busy promoting sports. He coaches softball and basketball teams, is active in the track and field program of the schools and is the coach of the Queen Charlotte Junior Olympic training program for both Indians and others.

Mr. Brown owns and manages a very successful general store at Skidegate Mission.

The 1964 trophy winner was Gaylord Ross Powless, 17, a Mohawk of the Six Nations Band in Ontario.

He is a star of the Oshawa Generals, Junior A lacrosse champions of Canada in 1964. He was voted the most valuable player in the final series at Vancouver. Gaylord, who

also plays hockey, is a good student who has enrolled in a four-year Science Technology course.

1965 Medallists

Jacob Wilton Littlechild, 21, a Cree of the Ermineskin Band, won the medal for the Alberta region in 1965. He is studying at the University of Alberta for a Bachelor of Physical Education degree. He excels in hockey, football, basketball, volley ball, water polo and judo.

Zacheus Hamilton, 16, a Cree of the Cross Lake Band in northern Manitoba, is another medal winner. A good sportsman, he won nearly every event against the other young people of Cross Lake in the field day last spring.

Ontario winner is Allan Richard Lickers, 14, an Onondaga of the Six Nations Band. A star baseball pitcher, he has been on three provincial championship teams in as many years.

1964 Medallists

Miss Vivian Underwood, 15, a Songish of the Tsawout Band in British Columbia, won the medal for that region in 1964. She was praised for her team spirit and has been a very valuable team member in school sports, excelling in basketball, field hockey, volleyball and track and field.

Nicholas Breaker, 20, of the Blackfoot Band, Alberta winner, has excelled in football, basketball and hockey. He does even better at middle-distance and cross-country running, however, having set a number of records.

Lance Corporal Marcel Henry Greyeyes of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, a Cree of the Muskeg Lake Band, is honoured for his skill in boxing. A welterweight, he holds the Army and Golden Gloves titles and is considered one of Canada's best prospects in this division.

Grenville Crate, 22, a member of the Fisher River Band of Crees and Ojibway in Manitoba, is rated as one of the best runners at the University of Manitoba, representing the university in several sports meets. His nominators also praised him for his singing abilities and his hard work in all activities.

Oscar Frank Kistabich, 19, a member of the Dominion Abitibi Band of Crees and Ojibways, won the medal for the Quebec region. He organizes the sports activities at Amos Indian Residential School and excels in such sports as pole vaulting, high-jumping, and sprinting. He also is a star hockey player, spending practically no time in the penalty box but scoring a great many goals.



GAYLORD POWLESS

Three students take five awards

Three Indian students took five top prizes late last year at the technical and commercial high school commencement exercises in Sault Ste. Marie. William Owl of Cutler, Ontario, won highest standing last year in grade 11 auto mechanics; David Masty, 19, of James Bay, won highest standing in the grade 10 English technical course and Allan Happyjack of Abitibi won three awards for highest standing last year in grade 11 drafting, technical course and for an average over 75 per cent.

Five other Indians who were awarded graduation diplomas have gone on to continue their education. They are Charlotte Brian, taking a business course in Ottawa; Frank Cromarty, taking engineering technology at Lakehead College, Port Arthur; Daisy Longchap, in a medical secretarial course at the Ontario Vocation Centre, Sault Ste-Marie; Peter Notachequan, at the Vocation Centre in civil engineering technology and Isadore Sinobert, in civil engineering at Kirkland Lake.

Study week on Indians

"A People in Transition" was the theme of a recently-held Indian study week at Ottawa's Carleton University.

Members of the public as well as students heard a number of Indian and non-Indian speakers present various viewpoints.

Elliott Moses, 77, a Delaware of the Six Nations Band in Ontario, said that the provinces should look after Indian Affairs instead of the federal government. He also spoke in favour of encouraging self-government by Indian bands and eventually an end to the reserve system of today.

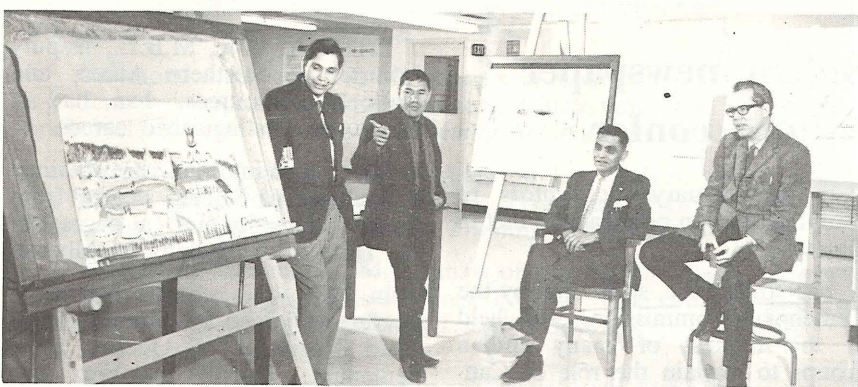
Views disputed

His views were disputed by Chief Wilmer Nadjiwan of the Ojibway Cape Croker Band in Ontario and Chief Andrew Delisle of the Mohawk Caughnawaga Band in Quebec. Both men favoured keeping Indian affairs under federal jurisdiction.

A talk on the legal status of Canadian Indians was given by Howard Staats, a Mohawk of the Six Nations Band who recently graduated in Law and expects soon to become a lawyer. Several questions from the audience indicated that a lot of people have much to learn about the legal status of Indians.

Jean Lagassé, federal Director of Citizenship, spoke on several aspects of community development and how Indians are progressing through this means.

Final night of the week of panel discussions, audience participation and special speakers was devoted mainly to sparkling displays of Indian dancing, singing and satire.



WORLD'S FAIR INDIAN EXHIBIT: Four of the nine noted Canadian Indian artists who gathered in Ottawa at the end of December to help design an Indian pavilion for the Montreal World's Fair ("Expo 67") are shown discussing their work. They are, left to right, Frank Kaquitts, a Stony of the Morley Band, Alberta, who paints traditional Indian subjects; Joe Land, an Ojibway painter of Fort Alexander Band, Manitoba; George Clutesi, a leading Nootka artist of Sheshaht Band, British Columbia. Bill Reed, who is well known on the west coast for his traditional Haida silverwork, also takes part in the discussion. Other Indian artists who took part in the working conference were Noel Wuttunee of St. Boniface, Manitoba; Gerald Tailfeathers of Blood Band, Alberta; John Dockstader, a Seneca of the Six Nations Band, Ontario; Jackson Beardy, a Cree from Manitoba, and Phillip Young, a Micmac of Red Bank Band, New Brunswick.

Indian Views

by Russell Moses

Newspapers across the country recently put a New Brunswick town on the map with angry headlines when a poorly-attended meeting of ratepayers voted to keep Indian children from attending their school.

The whole town attended a second meeting to overrule the motion, but damage to the town's reputation had been done.

Whether or not the actions of the few were unrelated to racial discrimination, as they claimed, need not be discussed here. That certainly was the charge, and although the townfolk eventually voted against the act of discrimination or whatever it was, they had still to face the reaction of the Indians to the first vote.

To their surprise, there were no parades, boycotts or whatever. The Indians were as quiet and unassuming as ever.

Mature example

This mature approach to the difficulty set an example for greater mutual understanding between the townspeople and their Indian neighbours.

A noteworthy after-effect of this incident was that the student body elected a number of Indians to the student council. A Grade XII student was elected president and another chosen as vice-president. Two other Indian students were chosen as class representatives.

Everyone can learn a lesson from this incident, quite apart from how Indian groups might decide to handle cases of discrimination and violation of rights. The good people of the town allowed their community to get bad publicity because they couldn't be bothered to attend meetings where their affairs were being decided.

I venture to suggest that many of us, too, would find much less to complain about if we expressed our opinions at band meetings and took pains to vote for the chiefs and councillors of our choice.

MicMac News to change format

The *Mic Mac News*, a lively mimeographed newspaper of local events for the Indians of the Maritimes, has increased its readership so much in its first year of operation that it is to be published in magazine form, according to Editor Roy Gould of Sydney Reserve, Nova Scotia.

Publication of the monthly report began early in 1965 with the assistance of the Extension Department of St. Francis Xavier University.

The editorial staff and some 15 reporters all are unpaid volunteers who scour the reserves in Nova Scotia and distant points for news.

Circulation of the newspaper, which increases with almost every edition, was 500 at last count.

Currently the newspaper gives coverage only of the reserves in Nova Scotia but it is read by Indians throughout the Maritimes and several other points on the Continent. Arrangements now are being made to increase coverage to New Brunswick.

Forestry Student

Anthony J. Lesage, 21, a member of the Garden River Band of Ojibways in Ontario, has enrolled at the University of Toronto to study forestry.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Lesage, he is a graduate of the school system on the reserve and the city of Sault Ste. Marie.

Marjorie Onespot undaunted, popular

Let's give a cheer for Marjorie Onespot of the Sarcees who is making the best of her misfortunes. Blind since 1960, she also is so badly crippled with arthritis that she has to use crutches or a wheel chair.

Miss Onespot lives in the Canadian Institute for the Blind in Calgary, where she is a great favourite because of her happy, friendly disposition. There, she works hard weaving lovely placemats which sell quickly and are in great demand. So despite her handicaps, she earns her own living.

She has many visitors from the reserve, which she still visits frequently.



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: Citizens of six countries enjoy a discussion at one of the leadership courses for which the Coady International Institute of St. Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia, is world-famous. Left to right, they are J. Frank Glasgow, assistant director; Lee Ting Ping of Hong Kong; Peter Kelly, an Ojibway of Sabaskong Band, Ontario; Raphael M. Garay of Ecuador; David H. Acoose, a Cree of Sakimay Band, Saskatchewan; James A. Enoh of West Cameroon, Africa; Balthazar E. Barrie of Dominica; Thomas P. Bernard, an Algonkin of Golden Lake Band, Ontario; Richard R. Rambali, British Guiana.

Craft business picks up through co-op at Maria

"If it weren't for the Co-op, things would be really rough", is a remark I heard frequently during a visit to Maria Indian Reserve in Quebec.

The Co-operative Association, owned and operated by the Micmac Indians at Maria, was formed in January, 1963 for the production and sale of handicrafts.

Co-op may be answer

A high rate of unemployment is an accepted fact of life in this part of the country for both Indian and non-Indian — but what to do about it? The Co-operative may provide the answer.

The Co-op is housed in a very modern building close to a heavily travelled highway which skirts the beautiful Bay of Chaleur.

Guy Condo, the affable young chief of the Band, spoke with quiet pride of "our" co-op and the "shot in the arm" that it has given the local economy.

Leonard Jerome, a middle-aged Micmac and one of the co-operative's directors, took me to visit the business and filled me in on many of the details.

Total co-operative sales for the 1964-65 tourist season have been in excess of twenty thousand dollars and it appears they will top this amount next season.

The handicrafts range from novelty items to the traditional, well-known Micmac baskets. Originally, the baskets were all of the same basic design, but the ingenuity of the basket-maker has sprung forth and items now include such functional articles as lampshades and bread and roll servers.

The biggest money-makers are the Micmac baskets.

One thing is evident at Maria. The manufacture of Indian handicrafts is not just a hobby, but a serious business which has the special merit of helping to preserve some aspects of Indian culture.

The Maria Co-operative is a member of the Quebec Society of Co-operatives, with the help of which the Micmacs of Maria are learning the very necessary administrative and financial facts that are so important in running a profit-making business.

University students form Indian Club

Indian students attending Saint Francis Xavier University and its affiliates have formed an Indian club complete with constitution.

At present there are 23 members from 13 reserves. They include Micmacs, Ojibways, Malecites, Crees, Hurons, Mohawks, and Blood.

The objectives of the club are to acquaint new Indian students with the university and the various student societies; to find ways to preserve Indian culture and unity, and to acquaint each member with other Indians.

The club also will serve as a discussion group on the problems of Indian reserves. It will help keep members informed of Indian affairs through newspapers, talks, films, and magazines.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Forty-seven scholarships have been awarded to successful Indian students throughout Canada who are enrolled in courses for the 1965-6 school year.

The scholarships are for both university and vocational training courses.

Successful candidates selected by the scholarship committee are as follows:

THE MARITIMES

Sanford Graydon Nicholas, 19, a Malecite of the Tobique Band, New Brunswick. Attending St. Francis Xavier University, 2nd year Science. *University Scholarship* — \$300.

Jane Julian, 17, a Micmac of the Truro Band, Nova Scotia. Attending Success Business College, Truro, N.S., Commercial Course. *Vocational Training Scholarship* — \$250.

QUEBEC

Georges Bacon, 20, Montagnais of Lac St-Jean Band. Attending College de Jonquiere, Jonquiere, P.Q., 3rd year towards B.A. Degree. *University Scholarship* — \$300.

Valerie Louise Delisle, 16, an Iroquois of the Caughnawaga Band. Attending Marianopolis College, Montreal, 1st year Dietetics. *University Scholarship* — \$300.

Danielle Gill, 19, Montagnais of Lac St-Jean Band. Attending College du Bon Pasteur, Chicoutimi, 3rd year towards B. A. Degree. *University Scholarship* — \$300.

Jacques Kurtness, 19, Montagnais of Lac St-Jean Band. Attending College de Jonquiere, Jonquiere, P.Q., 3rd year towards B.A. Degree. *University Scholarship* — \$300.

George Sioui, 16, Hurons of Lorette Band. Attending College Ste-Anne, Church Point, N.S. Classical course — 1st year toward B.A. *University Scholarship* — \$300.

Denis Picard, 22, Hurons of Lorette Band. Attending Laval University, School of Education, Quebec — 2nd year. *Teacher Training Scholarship* — \$300.

Joyce-Marie-Jeanne Raphael, 18, Montagnais of Lac St-Jean Band. Attending Ecole Normale du Bon-Conseil, Chicoutimi, P.Q. — 1st year Brevet A (4 yr. crs.) *Teacher Training Scholarship* — \$300.

Bibiane Courtois, 18, Montagnais du Lac St-Jean Band. Attending Ecole des Infirmières, Hôtel-Dieu, Chicoutimi, P.Q. — 2nd year. *Nursing Scholarship* — \$250.

Abel S. Kitchen, 22, a Cree of the Waswanipi Band. Attending the Northern Ontario Institute of Technology, Civil Technology — 3rd year. *Vocational Training Scholarship* — \$250.

Raymond Launier, 18, Montagnais of Lac St-Jean Band. Attending Centre d'Apprentissage des Metiers, Chicoutimi, P.Q. — 2nd year bricklayers course. *Vocational Training Scholarship* — \$250.

Bertrand Philippe, 21, Montagnais du Lac St-Jean Band. Attending Institut de Technologie Agricole, St. Hyacinthe, P.Q. — Agricultural Technology, 2nd year. *Vocational Training Scholarship* — \$250.

Florent Robertson, 21, Montagnais of Lac St-Jean Band. Attending Institut de Technologie, Trois-Rivieres, P.Q. — Technicien en Electronique course, 3rd year. *Vocational Training Scholarship* — \$250.

ONTARIO

Peter DeCaire, 18, an Iroquois of the Gibson Band. Attending Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario — 1st year Arts. *University Scholarship* — \$300.

Lloyd Malcolm King, 18, an Ojibway of the Mississaugas of the Credit Band. Attending McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario — Natural Sciences, 2nd year. *University Scholarship* — \$300.

Shirley Daniels, 20, an Ojibway of Big Island Band. Attending MacDonald College, McGill University, P.Q. — 1st year Teacher Training. *Teacher Training Scholarship* — \$300.

Mary Garlow, 19, a Mohawk of the Six Nations of the Grand River Band. Attending Hamilton Teacher's College, Hamilton, Ontario — 1st year. *Teacher Training Scholarship* — \$300.

Cheryle Hill, 19, a Mohawk of the Six Nations of the Grand River Band. Attending Hamilton Teacher's College, Hamilton, Ontario — 1st year. *Teacher Training Scholarship* — \$300.

Patricia Eileen Lickers, 19, an Onondaga of the Six Nations of the Grand River Band. Attending St. Joseph's School of Nursing, Hamilton, Ontario — 1st year. *Nursing Scholarship* — \$250.

Henry Chokomoolin, 19, a Cree of the Attawapiskat Band. Attending the Northern Institute of Technology, Sudbury, Ontario — Electrical Engineering, 1st year. *Vocational Training Scholarship* — \$250.

Kenneth Henry, 18, an Ojibway of Kettle Point Band. Attending the Ontario College of Art, Toronto — 1st year Art. *Vocational Training Scholarship* — \$250.

Clarence Ivan Pitawanakwat, 21, Manitoulin Island Band of Ojibways and Ottawas. Attending the Institute of Technology, Kirkland Lake, Ontario — Civil Technology Course, 3rd year. *Vocational Training Scholarship* — \$250.

Nicholas Weesk, 20, a Cree of Attawapiskat Band. Attending Northern Ontario Institute of Technology, Sudbury, Electronics — 1st year. *Vocational Training Scholarship* — \$250.

Patrick Kwandibens, 17, an Ojibway of Whitesand Band. Attending Lakeview High School, Port Arthur, Ontario — Science, Technology and Trades, Grade 10. *Cultural Scholarship (Art)* — \$100.

Constance Lewis, 16, an Ojibway of Serpent River Band. Attending St. Joseph's College, North Bay, Ontario, Grade 12. Completed Grade II Theory and Grade VIII Piano. *Cultural Scholarship (Piano)* — \$100.

MANITOBA

Stanley John McKay, 23, Fisher River Band of Ojibway and Cree. Attending United College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Arts — 2nd year. *University Scholarship* — \$300.

Jocelyn Wilson, 24, a Cree of The Pas Band. Attending University of Saskatchewan — 2nd year, working towards B.Sc. in Nursing. *Nursing Scholarship* — \$250.

Margaret Rose Bear, 20, Birdtail Sioux Band. Attending Success Commercial College, Winnipeg, Manitoba — Executive Secretarial Course. *Vocational Training Scholarship* — \$250.

Leonard Sinclair, 19, Peguis Band of Ojibway and Cree. Attending the Manitoba Institute of Technology — Automotive Course, 1st year. *Vocational Training Scholarship* — \$250.

Kenneth Wolfe, 18, a Cree of Ermineskin Band. Is in 5th Grade of violin, taking lessons in Edmonton. *Cultural Scholarship (Violin)* — \$100.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Richard Band, 21, Squamish Band. Attending University of British Columbia — 3rd year Arts. *University Scholarship* — \$300.

Theresa Anne Nahanee, 19, Squamish Band. Attending Notre Dame University, Nelson, B.C. — 3rd year Arts. *University Scholarship* — \$300.

Seraphine Ned, 24, a Ntlakyapamuk of Upper Nicola Band. Attending University of British Columbia — Public Health Nursing, 10 months course. *University Scholarship* — \$300.

Roger P. Spence, 21, a Ntlakyapamuk of Cook's Ferry Band. Attending B. C. Institute of Technology and Shaughnessy Hospital taking a course in Medical Radiography Technology (2 year course) — 1st year. *Vocational Training Scholarship* — \$250.

Eugene Louie, 20, a Comox of Sliammon Band. Attending B.C. Vocational School, Burnaby, B.C. — General Commercial Course. *Vocational Training Scholarship* — \$250.

Daniel Paul Gonu, 23, a Niska of Gitlakdamix Band. Attending the Vancouver School of Art — 3rd year. *Cultural Scholarship (Art)* — \$300 (native-art).

Saul Terry, 23, a Lillooet of Bridge River Band. Attending the Vancouver School of Art, Commercial Art — 2nd year. *Cultural Scholarship (Art)* — \$300. (Sculpture and carving are his special interests).

Shirley Sterling, 17, a Ntlakyapamuk of Lower Nicola Band. Enrolled in Grade 13 at Kamloops Secondary school while taking ballet. *Cultural Scholarship (Ballet)* — \$150.



ADVISORY COUNCIL, DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE: The first meeting of the council was held December 2 and 3 in Fort Simpson. Those attending were, left to right, front row, Jimmie Erasmus, Fort Ray; Daniel Squirrel, Fort Providence; Chief Baptiste Cazon, Fort Simpson; Mrs. Agnes Casaway, Fort Resolution; James Koe, Fort McPherson; Jean Jerome Pascal, Arctic Red River; back row, Chief Frances Nande, Fort Liard; Miss A. Dotzlaf, Secretary; Norman Ogden, Indian Affairs Branch; Michel Sikyea, Yellow Knife Band; L. L. Brown, Indian Affairs Branch.



ADVISORY COUNCIL, MANITOBA: Those attending the first meeting of the council are, left to right, front row — Harry Wood, Island Lake Agency; Chief Cornelius Bignell, The Pas Agency; R. F. Battle, Assistant Deputy Minister for Indian Affairs; Chief Lionel Shannacappo, Portage la Prairie Agency; Chief A. E. Thompson, President of the Manitoba Indian Brotherhood; Chief Norman Sinclair, Fisher River Agency; back row — Joe Paupanekis, Norway House Agency; L. L. Brown, Indian Affairs; Mrs. Colin Moar; Isaac Beaulieu, Indian Affairs; R. M. Connelly, Indian Affairs; A. H. Courchene, Clandeboye Agency.

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SASKATCHEWAN

Lois Joan Lerat, 20, a Cree of Cowessess Band. Attending University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus, Education — 1st year. — *Teaching Training Scholarship* — \$300.

Daisy Louise Felix, 20, a Cree of Sturgeon Lake Band. Attending Holy Cross Hospital School of Nursing, Calgary, Alberta — 3rd year. *Nursing Training Scholarship* — \$250.

Dale Francis Morris, Gordon Band of Ojibway and Cree. Attending University of Saskatchewan, Lab Technician Course. *Vocational Training Scholarship* — \$250.

ALBERTA

Jacob Wilton Littlechild, 21, a Cree of Ermineskin Band. Attending University of Alberta, Edmonton. — Education (Physical Education) — 2nd year. — *University Scholarship* — \$300.

Annie Minoose, 20, Cold Lake Band of Chipewyan and Cree. Attending University of Alberta, Edmonton — Bachelor of Education, 2nd year. *Teacher Training Scholarship* — \$300.

Madeline Delma Dion, 19, a Cree of Keeheewin Band. Attending Edmonton General Hospital School of Nursing — Registered Nurse's Training, 1st year. *Nursing Scholarship* — \$250.

Elizabeth Redcrow, 21, a Cree of Saddle Lake Band. Attending St. Joseph's School of Nursing, Vegreville, Alberta — Registered Nurse's training, 3rd year. *Nursing Scholarship* — \$250.

Melvin Neepoose, 16, a Cree of Samson Band. Completed Grade III Clarinet. Is in Grade XII in High School. *Cultural Scholarship (Clarinet)* — \$100.

Christian Island residents get dial telephone to beat isolation

It was a happy event for Chief Leonard Monague and the Ojibways of Beausoleil Band on Christian Island in the Georgian Bay last December when he used the newly-installed direct-dialing telephone system to call the Indian Affairs Branch in Ottawa.

The call marked the end of semi-isolation for the island in winter and the beginning of a regular public telephone service.

Jules D'Astous, Director of Administration, accepted the call in the absence of Robert F. Battle, Assistant Deputy Minister (Indian Affairs).

In congratulating the chief and his band on their achievement, Mr. D'Astous reminded Chief Monague of the old days, when emergency trips had to be made across the ice — a dangerous proceeding in late fall and early spring.

"You will recall that some years ago our agency superintendent almost drowned on such an emergency trip when he went through the ice with the horse, sleigh and everything," he said.

The new telephone service is linked to the mainland by means of a complex telewave system which uses a 200-foot mast. On opening day 55 band members had their own telephones and 12 others had applied for them.

In recent years there has been a single radio telephone in the agency office on the island. This was not satisfactory for the residents because it was available only during office hours except in extreme emergency.

To celebrate the occasion, the band gave a banquet featuring pheasant, which are raised on the island. Officers of the Bell Telephone Company, which installed the service, were there along with senior government and municipal officials.

The band honoured Ralph Cowan, M.P., a long-time friend who has been an honorary chief for some years, by presenting him a feathered headdress. His wife was made an Indian princess.

W. M. Rankin, vice-president of Bell Telephone, was made an honorary chief as a gesture of thanks for the telephone service.

Chief Monague told his guests of how messages used be carried.

"My people used to use a messenger type service of runners or scouts for communication. They had to be keen and sharp in sense and direction and have an instinct for dangers. Often these runners were in charge of an Indian lady.

"Later we had a signal system between here and Cedar Point using fires, and it was always welcoming when these fires signalled good news.

"When I was a small lad," he continued, my grandfather told me there would be lights on the island, another said there would be voices. The lights came with Hydro a number of years ago, and today we have the telephone which will help our community in development of growth and economy."



MANY USERS: Mrs. Leonard Monague is the first person to use her new telephone. With eight children, however, it may not always be available to her.

Here & There

An In .an choir, the Nee-He-Wauw Oh-Ni-Kum-O-Uk or Indian Singers, were featured among 17 choirs who sang at the Rotary Carol Festival in Edmonton last December. The 12 members of the choir, which sang all its selections in Cree, come from several reserves in northern Alberta.

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Harold Cardinal, 20, a Cree of the Sucker Creek Band, northern Alberta, addressed the International Friendship Club in Ottawa on Indians in Canada. Harold attends St. Patrick's College in Ottawa, where he is majoring in Political Science.

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Miss Vivian Gray, a Micmac of the Restigouche Band in Quebec, was interviewed by C.B.C.'s *Indian Magazine* on her experiences as a liaison officer for the Indian Affairs Branch last summer. She worked near Leamington, Ontario, with northern Indians who were picking fruit.

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The new clerk-treasurer and tax collector of the Township of Paiponge, near Port Arthur, Ontario, is Frederick J. Nowgesic, an Ojibway of the Gull Bay band.

Mr. Nowgesic attended day school on his reserve, completing grade eight at St. Joseph's Boarding School, Fort William. He took his grade 12 at St. Patrick's High School and after doing general office work entered the administrative office of the Township of Neebing in 1964. When the clerk-treasurer of nearby Uaiponge Township retired, Mr. Nowgesic was a successful candidate for the position.

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Princess Gloria Little Light of the Sarcee, who won her title at the Calgary Stampede, is an aspiring artist as well as a crack rider.

The 19-year-old princess, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Little Light of Sarcee, led the parade and participated in the first all Indian girl rodeo near Calgary recently.

She will begin in January to train as a nurses' aide and following that, she intends to take training as an artist. She already has painted a number of landscapes of her reserve but says, laughingly, that she "still hasn't been discovered yet."

Many of the Indians who live in Ottawa, including 24 college and vocational school students and 40 others, recently got together for a social evening. They included representatives of tribal groups right across Canada. They were unanimous in saying "let's have more!"

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Alphonse Metallic of the Restigouche Band in Quebec has been appointed Community Development Assistant for the Maria Reserve.

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Senior girl guides from the Maniwaki area, both Indian and non-Indian, attended a convention at St. Bruno, Quebec, with Mrs. Sam Cote of the River Desert Band, Maniwaki, as chaperone.

Senior citizen still active

One of the most senior citizens in the north is Luke Mettaweskum of the Nemaska band, Quebec, who is thought to be 105 years of age.

He could lift 600 pounds in his prime, and still keeps active chopping wood and helping his wife with the chores.

Luke was born at Rupert's House, moving to Nemaska soon afterward. He married one of the girls in the settlement when he was 25.

He then started a long and full life as trapper in winter and canoe brigade paddler in the summertime. As a paddler, he helped to bring supplies to many posts in the area, such as Mistassini, Waswanipi, Nemaska and other stores which are now closed.

In those days, people of the north led a very busy life in all seasons. They trapped all through the winter right up to June, when they came back from the bush and started bringing the year's supplies to all the inland posts by canoe. By the beginning of September all the freighting was done and everybody went fishing to get food to help out through the winter for themselves and their dogs.

Luke had six children in 1930, when his wife died. He married a second time and had another six children.

Luke kept trapping until 1961, when his age was estimated at 101.



He now lives with his wife Jane in the house of his son-in-law Bertie Wapachee, chief of the band.

Luke still smokes his pipe continuously and even takes a wee drink now and then. He is a little shortsighted now, but this doesn't keep him from winking at a pretty girl, or from taking long walks on nice days.

Once sad patient now happy carver

Alfred Wilson, 22, a Songish of the Tsartlip band, Vancouver Island, was a sad patient at St. Joseph's hospital, Victoria — but he's smiling now.

Alfred, who has spent the last eight months in hospital, agreed to try carving as a hobby. He was a farmer with a working knowledge of axe and saw, but had never tried carving.

At the Saanichton Fair last September, he won first prize with an 18-inch cedar war canoe complete with paddling warriors.

He donated the canoe to Sister Mary Grace, who encouraged him to carve.

Alfred now is carving more canoes, totem poles and figure-heads out of red and yellow cedar. He also is training 10-year-old Kim Savage, a fellow patient.

He already has sold two carvings and looks forward to increasing activities as a carver when he is discharged from hospital.



GLASS-MAKING ART: Mitchell Buckshott, 18, a member of the St. Regis Band, is shown removing molten glass from a furnace at Chalet Artistic Glass, Cornwall, where he has worked for almost three years. His sister Minnie, 16, shows one of the fine ornaments produced at the factory. Mr. Angelo Tadesco, whose family has made fine glass for generations, has employed several Indians. He says they are very quick in picking up the difficult arts of glass blowing and hand crafting.