

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE  
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES  
5<sup>TH</sup> COUNCIL, 32<sup>ND</sup> SESSION**

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Fort Good Hope, N.W.T.,  
Jan. 16, 1966.

Mr. L. Trimble,  
Member of N.W.T. Council.

Dear Mr. Trimble:

Please find attached a brief drawn up by the Fort Good Hope Indians regarding our local problems. Please have a copy made for "Bud" Orange, our M.P. for the N.W.T.

Yours truly,

'Gabriel Cotchilly'

CHIEF OF FORT GOOD HOPE BAND

Meeting Held on January 16, 1966  
at 6:30 p.m.

1. We the Fort Good Hope Indians request that assistance, mainly employment be procured for us. There is a D4 Caterpillar, a Sawmill and a Planer available for us. Therefore, we request that immediate action be taken so that these machines be put in operation so that we can supplement our trapping income with wages from employment when the Sawmill is in operation. There are good standings of timber at various locations close to Good Hope, and sale of lumber could be found outside of Good Hope.

2. Relief Food

There are times when even the best hunter and trapper will require help. When the temperature registers 40 to 70 below zero, no wild animal will roam around; that is the time a trapper is between life and death, and it is then that any available trapper should receive relief food in order that it can give him a chance to go to some good hunting and trapping grounds as we want to be independent and honestly earn our livelihood, but we must have a "start."

We refer you to page 11 of "A Handbook for Indian Band Chiefs and Councillors" regarding Relief. When we refer to Relief Assistance, we also ask for relief warm clothing for cold winter days while on traplines.

The Canadian Government has and is still helping foreigners from Europe to immigrate to Canada and assists them to settle down in comfort. This is a gross injustice to us Canadian Indians because funds used to assist foreigners could be used to assist us True Canadians for we are the original possessors of Canada.

3. Indian Agent

It is now three years that we have been asking for an Indian Agent; now there is a house available for the Indian Agent, since October 20, 1965, but no word of an Agent to be stationed here. This Indian Agent's house has been kept heated since October 1965 up to this date; there must have been over 2,000 gallons of oil used up to heat this uninhabited dwelling. This unnecessary expenditure of funds in heating this building could have been turned over to assist some needy trappers.

From  
The Fort Good Hope Indians  
  
Per: 'Gabriel Cotchilly'  
(GABRIEL COTCHILLY)  
CHIEF OF FORT GOOD HOPE BAND

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