

the Police had the same laws for white men and the Indians was true of our country, whereas only the previous year some Americans had committed murder on our side of the line. They had been followed to Montana and arrested but when they were brought before the Montana court, in spite of all the clear evidence of their guilt, the case was dismissed. The men had only killed Indians and that was not considered a crime on that side of the line.<sup>3</sup>

On Tuesday the Indians were slow in gathering at the Governor's tent. Poundmaker and The Badger were trying to gather support for their demands in the matter of treaty terms. Majority opinion had forced them to a grudging consent at the meeting. The Chipewyan was again active wherever he could find an audience, and backed by the other two men had regained his former boldness. But I noticed he was having difficulty in getting anyone to listen.

The Governor did not waste any time on preliminary talk but said he was ready to listen to the people and was prepared to clear up any question about which there was any doubt. Poundmaker immediately spoke, asking help when the Indians started to settle on the reserves. The Badger took up the theme with more elaboration.

"We think of our children. We do not want to be greedy but when we commence to settle on the reserves we select, it is then we want aid and when we can't help ourselves in case of trouble."<sup>4</sup>

Sakamoos<sup>5</sup> and others spoke, referring to portions of the treaty in regard to settlement on reserves, the need for medical help, and guidance in regard to the new project of agriculture. A summary of their remarks meant that they wanted assistance to get established in their new occupation of agriculture, not only financially but also in instruction and management.

Then the Hon. James McKay, in a somewhat arrogant tone, admonished them in Cree for their demands. "In my experience you always want more than you were promised in the first place and you are never satisfied with what is given you." He made other biting remarks detrimental to the character of the Indian.<sup>6</sup>

In view of my knowledge of what had transpired at their council I thought his speech most unfortunate and very harmful. His very attitude insulted the intelligence of his listeners. There was distinct murmur of disapproval all over the crowd. McKay had hardly taken his seat when The Badger leapt to his feet.

"I did not say that I wanted to be fed every day. You, I know, understand our language and yet you twist my words to suit