

Teequaysay on the following day got up at the outset of the meeting to say, "Listen, my friends, all of you sitting around here, be patient and listen to what our interpreter has been instructed to tell you. What he will tell you are the things our main chiefs and councillors have decided to ask for and have agreed are for our best interests. There will be no more talk or questions asked of the Governor."¹¹

I first explained to the Commissioner that the document I was about to read had been prepared by the main chiefs and their councillors and actually contained little more than what already had been promised, but I had been asked to read the petition to all the people for their agreement. Thus I interpreted the contents to the Indians before handing it to the Governor.

The Governor then spoke at some length as he dealt with each section of the petition and gave reasons for the few of the things that could not be granted. However, he consented to a grant of one thousand dollars to assist those actually engaged in farming land on the reserves, but this would operate for three years only. This would apply to each band. They would receive a plough and harrow for three families under the same conditions. They would be at liberty to hunt and trap on government lands the same as before. The things they would be getting would be a present on top of what they had before nor would they be compelled to go to war except on their own free will. A medicine chest would be placed in the house of every agent for the free use of the band.¹² Each band would get four oxen, one bull and six cows, one boar and two pigs. After a band had settled on its reserve and started to raise grain, they would get one hand mill. Each chief would get one horse, harness and wagon.

Most of the chiefs expressed agreement, but Poundmaker was still not satisfied. Joseph Toma asked for guns and said he was speaking for Red Pheasant.

Morris replied, "When the list of things the interpreter read was handed to me, Red Pheasant sat in silence and I presumed he was satisfied as the others were. Then the principal chiefs expressed approval. I cannot grant your request."

Red Pheasant got up and repudiated the statement of Joseph Toma's as his own and not by his permission. That terminated the discussion in the formation of the treaty terms.

The Governor thanked the Indians for their attention and co-operation in all the proceedings and stated that the additional requests would be written in the treaty in all things he had agreed to. These special provisions were added into the draft of the treaty before the signing began. There were fifty