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The British Columbia Indian Advisory Committee has now completed 14 years of practical service to the Government of the Province of British Columbia and to the Indian people of the Province.

The primary purposes of the Advisory Committee are:—

- (1) To advise the Provincial Government, through the responsible Minister, the Honourable W. D. Black, Provincial Secretary, on all matters relating to the status and rights of the Indian citizens of the Province.
- (2) To act as a medium through which individual Indians, Indian groups, and private organizations interested in Indian Affairs may make representations to the Provincial Government.
- (3) To encourage private organizations to undertake programmes to help improve the social and economic position of the Indian people.

To its last meeting, which was held in Kamloops, the members of the Indian Advisory Committee invited Indian Chief Councillors of neighbouring Bands, presidents of Homemakers' Clubs in that area, representatives of private organizations interested in Indian affairs, and Federal and Provincial Government officials.

For two days the Committee and its guests discussed such topics of vital interest to the welfare of the Indian people as the need for

- (1) electric power in Indian communities to facilitate the establishment of small businesses;
- (2) continued negotiations with Federal Government authorities to assure welfare services to Indians on the reserves at the same level as presently received by other citizens of British Columbia;
- (3) emphasis on vocational training for Indian youths;
- (4) courses to upgrade the educational standard of Indian youth;
- (5) courses in agriculture to stimulate the use of many acres of Indian land presently lying idle;
- (6) a programme of alcohol education on the reserves;
- (7) integration of Indian pupils into the Provincial school system at the Grade I level;
- (8) a programme to expand Indian handicraft production to meet increased demand of tourists and to supplement family income;
- (9) programmes in adult education on the reserves;
- (10) additional grazing lands to enable the Indian ranchers to maintain and increase their herds.

Arising out of such discussions, recommendations are made by the Indian Advisory Committee to the Provincial Government.

The Committee appreciates the interest shown by the general public in Indian affairs and trusts the Indian citizens will continue to make use of the Committee and its services.