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CANADA INDIA COMMITTEE

A SYLABUS OF ITS
OBJECTS
PRINCIPLES AND
PROCEDURE

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CANADA INDIA COMMITTEE.

A few individuals have formed the CANADA INDIA COMMITTEE for the furtherance of two objects, which in their opinion are of vital importance to India, to Canada and to the British Empire.

OBJECTS

The Objects are:

- (a) To promote a wider appreciation of Canada's relation to India.
- (b) To secure its equitable adjustment.

The first is of a general educational character, designed to remove certain prejudices on the part of the citizens of both India and Canada. The second will develop a series of practical campaigns to remove certain injustices imposed on the people of India resident in Canada.

PRINCIPLES

The Committee's motives are based on the fundamental RIGHTS OF MAN and the principles of Christianity, professed by all the Western peoples, without regard to political, sectarian or personal aims.

The Committee:

(1) ACCEPTS, as involving a high moral obligation, the great pledge given the people of India in 1858 by Queen Victoria and subsequently confirmed by King Edward and King George, which proclaimed:

"We hold ourselves bound to the natives of our Indian territories by the same obligations of

duty which bind us to all our other subjects . . . May the God of all power grant to us and those in authority under us strength to carry out these."

(2) DECLARES in consequence the necessity of Canadian laws which will prevent discrimination against British Indians, whilst maintaining the established economic policy of the country.

(3) INVITES the aid of all persons and organizations actuated by the above motives, in securing the successful outcome of the Committee's objects.

PROCEDURE

The Committee realises that unaided it would be powerless to create a great wave of popular protest which will induce the Government to provide simple justice to our fellow British subjects, therefore, the Committee invites the co-operation and support of all religious and missionary bodies, the social, fraternal and patriotic societies, and the press of Canada; in fact, the aid of any group is welcomed that will work for the CAUSE itself regardless of personal advantage.

The Committee suggests the utmost freedom of action, on the part of helping organizations, but begs that active work be commenced at once. It however, asks that at least one leader from each organization be identified with this Committee as a member, so as to insure the maximum of co-ordination for the movement as a whole.

The Committee's own constructive efforts are being directed towards collecting the facts, analysing the data and collating in a form suitable for propaganda work. Also in promoting practical legislation which will remedy the present conditions, and if possible permanently settle on an equitable basis the rights of our fellow British subjects, the people of India in Canada.

FUNDS

The Committee is certain, its cause being a righteous one, that ample funds will be provided to meet the heavy expense for printing pamphlets, reports and for correspondence. Those in a position to do so are invited to make this provision.

All subscriptions should be made payable to the Treasurer, Canada India Committee and sent to the Secretary.

