

Big Council of Chippewa Indians at Cass Lake Selects Football Star as Chairman



Group of the delegates to the Indian council of Chippewas at Cass Lake. Many of the delegates did not want to have their pictures taken.



Reading from left to right—John W. Carl, temporary chairman, of Mahnomem; Henry W. Warren of Bena, temporary secretary; Ben Fairbanks, White Earth merchant; J. I. Coffey, merchant of Coffeyville; E. J. Warren, merchant of White Earth; Julius Brown, official interpreter, White Earth; Gus H. Beaulieu, editor White Earth Tomahawk, White Earth, Minn.; N. J. Head, U. S. scaler at Red Lake.

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CASS LAKE, Minn., May 7.—The second day of the big council of Chippewa Indians in session here to consider their grievances, was largely devoted to perfecting a permanent organization. Following the adoption of the report of the credentials committee, Edward L. Rogers of Walker, of Minnesota football fame, was elected chairman and Nathan J. Head, of the Red Lake tribe, permanent secretary. Julius H. Brown of White Earth and John G. Morrison Jr., of Red Lake, were appointed official interpreters and Miss Maud Partidge of Cass Lake, stenographer.
 The utmost patience and good will seems to obtain and where differences arise they are impassionately discussed and voted on. The convention decided to seat all delegates present, allowing each tribe the full vote of its delegates on the basis of one

Some delegations have almost twice vote to every 100 Indians in the tribe, the required number of delegates but all finally agreed that the voting should be done by tribes according to the numerical strength of the tribe and not of the delegation.
 It is quite probable that Edward L. Rogers of Walker, will be elected chief of all the Chippewas of Minnesota, under the constitution, which is to be adopted, as sentiment seems to have crystallized on him.
 The convention is a very deliberative body. Motions are made and amended, and substitute motions made in a manner that indicates considerable parliamentary practice. "Roberts' Rules of Order" lie handy to the chairman's right hand but he seems not to have to refer to them.
 There seems to be quite a determination to apply for and get redress for grievances long endured.

The feeling among delegates is that they are on the right course to get the best hearing, and Bishop Morrison's address yesterday convinced them that such is true.
 It is probable that when the resolutions are finally reached there will be a recital of all grievances, and a petition for their correction by the government.
 It is proposed to furnish the Indian department of the government with a complete copy of all the proceedings of this council.
 A committee to draft constitution and bylaws for the government of the council and tribes was appointed as follows: J. I. Coffey, Eond du Lac band; Henry W. Warren, Gus H. Beaulieu and John W. Carl of White Earth band; P. H. Beaulieu of Red Lake tribe; Ben King of Leech Lake, and John Zimmerman of Pigeon river reservation.