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REPORT OF CONFERENCE HELD AT THE INSPECTOR'S OFFICE AT CALGARY,
ALBERTA, ON JANUARY 24th, 1938, THERE BEING PRESENT:

- Rev. E. J. Staley, Principal of Morley Indian Res. School,
- Dr. W. Barr Murray, Indian Agency, Stony Agency, Morley,
- Mr. Norman Luxton, of Banff, Member of Banff Indian Days Committee.
- Johnnie Powder Face, Indian, Councillor of Chiniki Band, who came with Doctor Murray,
- C. P. Schmidt, Inspector of Indian Agencies.

The matter of Banff Indian Days was discussed:

- Mr. N. Luxton: Has there been any objection to Banff Indian Days celebrations?
- C. P. Schmidt: Yes: By the Church authorities as regards Sunday being one of the three days; also, by Departmental officials as regards the Indians being away from their work of putting up hay.
- Mr. N. Luxton: Sunday has been one of the three days for a number of years. I agree with the Church authorities when they object to Indians celebrating on that day.
- As regards haying season: We, the Committee at Banff, cannot choose our dates as we wish. The latter part of June or early part of July is too early. Banff visitors (tourists) do not arrive until about the middle of July. We usually set our dates for the week following the Calgary Stampede, which is always held in July. The latter part of August is too late as the majority of tourists are then homeward bound.
- Rev. Mr. Staley: The best haying season at this reserve, generally speaking, is immediately after the Calgary Stampede to the middle of August.
- Agent Dr. W. B. Murray: It takes about 5 or 6 weeks to complete haying, depending on the weather: Rainy periods retard the work.
- Rev. Mr. Staley: In view of the fact that the dates - July 22, 23 and 24, 1938, are already advertised by the C.P.R. as the Banff Indian Days, I suggest that this matter be let stand for this year, on the understanding that the Indians camped at Banff take no part in any celebrations or sports on Sunday, July 24th.

We do not object to the Indians participating in the Banff Indian Days celebrations: What we object to is the non-observance of the Lord's Day as a day of rest; also, to the young Indians clowning at Banff. The matter of the Indians leaving the reserve rests with the Department officials in charge of the Indians.