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"We disagree with the way the decision was made to develop the Park, at no time were we taken into consideration when plans were being made," said Philip Jedore. "We feel that further development of the Park should cease, until such time as Land Claims can be discussed."

According to the British North American Act it states on 'Land Use and Occupancy' that the Provincial government has no right to develop the area until the Land Claims have been settled by the Federal and Provincial government with the Native People.

Mr. Jedore said that "Our Association hopes to enter into a partnership with the organizations of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island on the Land Claim issue. This will provide us the Native People of these provinces with a united front in our fight for what we feel is ours."

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PROTEST MANITOBA DECISION ON ESTATE ADMINISTRATION

Ottawa - Both the National Indian Brotherhood and the Manitoba Indian Brotherhood have joined forces with the government in the Supreme Court of Canada recently in defence of sections of the Indian Act dealing with the administration of estates.

The sections were declared invalid by the Manitoba Court of Appeal in Sept. of 1972, on grounds that they denied Indians equality before the law contrary to the Bill of Rights.

William Rachman of Winnipeg, appearing for Flora Canard, told the court his client was barred from administering the estate of her dead husband by the Indian Act.

But lawyers for the two Indian Brotherhoods argued that both Indian men and women may act as administrators of estates for their deceased spouses with the permission of the Indian Affairs Minister.

The clauses in the Indian Act give the minister the discretion to appoint the administrators, brotherhood lawyer Douglas Sanders said.

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Like the justice department lawyers, he said the clauses dealing with estates and wills are a necessary part of legislation protecting the Indian reserve land.

For example, if a will purported to dispose of reserve land contrary to the interests of the band or the Indian Act, the minister has the power to declare it void.

Mr. Sanders said the Indian Act allows the minister to accept many documents as wills which would not be allowed in provincial courts. The department also levied no charge for administering estates.

He said in many ways the Indian Acts estate sections discriminated in favor of Indians and this type of discrimination was not offensive to the Bill of Rights.

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ASSOCIATION FOR NATIVE DEVELOPMENT FORMED

Toronto - The Association for Native Development in the Performing And Visual Arts (ANDPVA) is a recently formed organization established by James H. Buller, a Plains Cree Indian and several members of the Native, business and artistic communities of Ontario. Funding for administration and operation was provided for by the Indian Community Secretariat of the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services.

The objective of the Association is mainly to co-ordinate and assist in the development of programmes that would encourage persons of Native ancestry and their communities to become more actively involved in the performing and visual arts (theatre, music, dance, literature, etc) both traditional and modern.

It is also the aim of the Association that through the performing and visual arts, an effective means can be developed whereby the legends, stories, history and social issues may be revealed in such a manner that will provide entertainment as well as stir the conscience of native and non-native people alike.

On July 13 and 14 the Association is sponsoring an arts conference at York University where Native artists, with representatives of the various artistic

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