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Texts To Shed Slurs On Indians

All offensive references to Indians will probably be removed from school text-books by June, Education Minister William Davis said last week. Davis told the Legislature's education committee he has asked publishers to remove unfair references to Indians from their textbooks and the publishers were reacting "expeditiously."

Stephen Lewis (NDP - Scarborough West) said "outrageous" references to the Indian population should be removed immediately from texts. He read passages from a recommended text which described Indians as superstitious, savage cannibals. He said there wasn't "the slightest hint in the text that the white man was capable of barbarism or inhumanity."

Note: We are grateful to those who for many years have so courageously and unselfishly spoken out for a more balanced history of the Indian people. Now it is coming to pass! It is a pretty hard pill to take, if you are the lone Indian student in a white classroom, to hear your people slandered when the history lesson comes up — and swallow it, in order to pass the exam. — The Voice of Experience —

Indians, Eskimos Want Aid From CBC

Canada's Indians, Eskimos and Metis are going to ask the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to expand its services to help them find solutions to common problems.

Spokesmen for the groups were told to appeal to the publicly owned CBC by the Canadian Radio and Television Commission when they complained that their people were not getting enough programs in their native languages.

Walter Currie, president of the Indian-Eskimo Association of Canada, said "the media - specifically the CBC - could be used as a lever or a needle to do much in the way of aiding the native people to know themselves regionally and nationally."

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