

Re Presentations

Chief Isang (Bakgatla) The present position of the natives of Bechuanaland Protectorate is one of great difficulties economically our cattle have no market. We would like to know what the Protectorate Government is going to remedy this state of affairs we have our obligations to meet to the Government as in paying hut tax, but how can we discharge this obligation unless we can sell our cattle.? Is there no way of establishing a good internal trade and market in the Protectorate ? Is the Resident Commissioner doing anything to help us in this difficulty ? If he is unable to do anything may the Chiefs not meet the High Commissioner personally to ask for relief.

Abel Madisa supports. And points out that the Bechuanas of the Protectorate have always been dutiful children of the Imperial Government and have helped to win Rhodesia, Transvaal and German South West for the British Government. Now their in they are in their time of need, and cry to the Imperial Officers and Government to help them.

Chief Isang (Bakgatla ) Brings forth complaint that the Boring Machine is not doing as it should either owing to the incompetency of the engineer or the unworkableness of the machine itself, the work of boring is going on very slowly no tribe is satisfied with the results. Meanwhile our Nativ-e Fund is being unnecessarily wasted in paying for work not done. We feel that we must have a say in this matter and the engineer must be paid on piece work or else he must undertake a contract to do so much work in a specified time (unanimously adopted)

David Kgesidintsi on behalf of Chief Sebele (Bakwena) Complains that Shop licences are interferred with by other shop-keepers despite the fact that <sup>licences</sup> ~~these~~ <sup>are</sup> granted by the Chief. Resolved that The Resident Commissioner should inquire into the matter and not decide cases where shop keepers object to the grating of new licences by the Chief without consultation with the Chief.

Petty P.Ne (Good fore) This are an abomination and injustice } Can -

Can the Resident Commissioner advise us on this matter so  
we may get cash in full for the cattle we sell to the traders  
instead <sup>of</sup> half cash and half obligatory goodefers, and if possible  
make Proclamation to that effect.

3. Speaker further complains that permits to purchase ammunition  
and arms are restricted in availability to the Reserve in which  
they are issued e.g. so that a permit issued in the Bakwena  
Reserve is only <sup>not</sup> useful in the Bakwena Reserve. May such a  
permit be made general in the Protectorate.

4. Travelling Passes to look for work are refused to many Bakwena  
even though they have paid their hut tax for the current year but  
are granted to people going on visits outside the Protectorate.  
Anyone going to look for work can only leave the Protectorate  
by joining a labour <sup>contract</sup>. The Bakwena complain of this and request an  
explanation and redress.

5. Boys under age and unmarried girls proceeding to the industrial  
centres without the knowledge of their Chiefs. It was agreed in  
our meeting last year to put a stop to this, but matters have not  
changed.

Rathagodi (Bangwaketse) & Teachers Salaries the Bangwaketse  
complained that of mismanagement of their School Committee in  
the payment of their teachers. <sup>to place</sup>

This representation was withdrawn on the advice of other delegates  
as being proper to be lodged first in their kgotla.

Speaker complains further that Locust Officers have become  
prospectors for gold and diamonds in the Bangwaketse Reserve.  
On explanation being given by some delegates (Chief Inang & Dr.  
Molena) on the legitimacy of subletting of digging rights this  
representation was also withdrawn.

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