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CANADA'S INDIANS: CONTEMPORARY CONFLICTS, J. S. Frideres, Prentice Hall, \$4.75 paper ISBN 0 13 112755 1, 209 pp.

The editor and main contributor to this book is a professor of sociology at the University of

Calgary. He spent the first twenty-one years of his life on a reservation and thus is well qualified both by experience and training to write on the subject of Indian-white relations. He does so without emotion and without glorifying or condemning one group or another.

The book also includes several other essays including journalist Walter Stewart's article on Red Power and sociologist R. W. Dunning's case study of the Pine Tree Ojibwa. The editor suggests each article contributes to a plan of action for those interested in solving some of the problems of Indian-white relationships. But in the absence of any concluding chapter or synthesis it is difficult to understand exactly what this plan is or what the various essays have in common.

Perhaps the most useful and readable essay is the one by Professor Frideres on Indian organizations. He examines the historical development of these bodies, their pan-Indian philosophy and some results of the pressure they have brought to bear recently on governments both at the federal and provincial levels.

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