

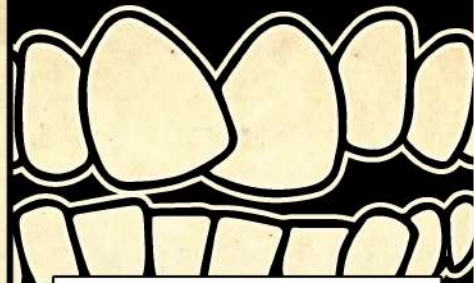
"Colonial Extractions"

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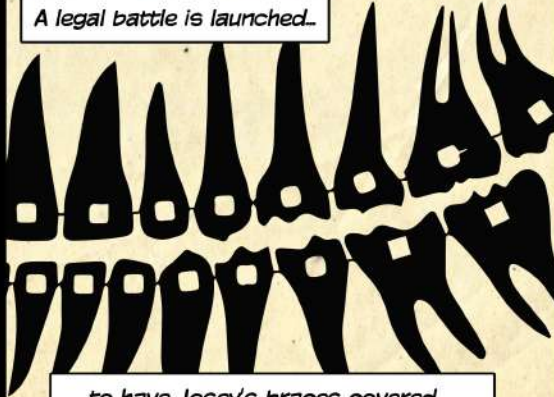
Cree youth Josey Willier suffers from headaches...

... all on account of misaligned teeth.



Her mother, Stacey Shiner, needs support for the cost of braces.

A legal battle is launched...



... to have Josey's braces covered by the Federal government under the Non-Insured Health Benefits Program.

The Federal government spends well over \$110,000 in court fighting against their responsibility to fund a \$6,000 procedure...



As a human being, I think it's immoral...

... despite expressions of sympathy from politicians and bureaucrats.

Canada has long fought against recognizing a treaty right to health care.

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... in part so as to justify policies that left generations of children with substandard medical and dental care.

Nonetheless, this battle is won.



Ottawa settles and is forced to revise its policy to consider the amount of pain experienced by children when deciding on coverage for orthodontics.

Josey's victory is a step forward. But the fight for full recognition of Treaty and Indigenous rights to health care continues...