

# Drop-outs in B.C. Not So Bad Off

FAIRBANKS — The Indian drop-out rate is 94% in the British Columbia school system, reported George Wilson, director of Inter-cultural Education for that Canadian province at the Northern, Cross-cultural Education Symposium held last week at the University of Alaska.

Some of the reasons are social; but a major cause is that it's difficult to sell his people on the idea they need an education.

"Some people make \$100,000 a year fishing and they have very little education," he explained.

Startled participants in the

symposium asked if this was often the case.

"Do your drop-outs do well?"

"Out of the 100 or so in my family, everyone is doing well with the exception of myself!" Wilson smiled.