

Mr. OLIVER. Does the hon. gentleman refer to Dr. D. H. McAllister of Sussex?

Mr. FOWLER. Yes.

Mr. PUGSLEY. He resigned before the 3rd of March. I may say that I recommended his reappointment, as he is a good officer, and I was sorry to lose his services.

Mr. OLIVER. Dr. Peake, of Sunbury, resigned, and is not now in the service of the government. Dr. McAllister, who resigned, has been re-appointed.

Mr. FOWLER. Who has Dr. Peake's place?

Mr. OLIVER. I cannot give my hon. friend the information at the moment, but if he will allow the question to stand until we deal with the Supplementary Estimates, I shall be sure to give it to him then.

Mr. FOWLER. In case I should not be in the chamber at the moment, will the minister state it so that it will be on 'Hansard'?

Mr. OLIVER. I will attend to it.

Mr. FOWLER. There is a vote here for seed grain. Where is seed grain supplied to the Indians in New Brunswick?

Mr. OLIVER. The seed grain is supplied to the Indians of different bands on representations made by the agents that it is required. It is purchased and sent forward to the agents to be distributed to the Indians. The plots of ground cultivated by the Indians are very small, and the Indians, not being very provident, are apt to use up the whole of their crop, and to leave themselves without seed.

Mr. FOWLER. Have you any particulars of the amount of seed grain supplied during the last fiscal year?

Mr. OLIVER. The amount distributed last year was about \$500 worth.

Mr. LAKE. I received a letter the other day from a gentleman at Qu'Appelle with regard to some trouble in the Pasqua Indian reserve north of that place. Some Indians have interviewed him time and again about some trouble they are having with the instructor. Although my correspondent does not like taking up this matter, yet he thinks something ought to be done to try and settle the difficulties. I do not know what the root of the trouble is and my informant is not able to tell me, but the gist of the thing is that the Indians are not satisfied with a certain Indian instructor, whose name I do not think it necessary to mention. It is a matter the minister might inquire into. These Indians are trying to do some very extensive farming, but they are easily discouraged, and if they are having trouble with their instructor, that is likely to stand in the way of good work being done. If the minister has any

information on the subject I should be very glad if he would let me know.

Mr. OLIVER. We have no information of any difficulty existing on that particular reserve. I might say further that, in my experience, it is not to the advantage of the service that the Indians should be too well satisfied with their instructor. If the Indians and the instructor arrive at a basis of too much amity, that may mean that there is not very much work going on.

Mr. LAKE. When, as in this particular case, men who are putting in a large amount of crop are making these complaints, one after another, about the same man, I do not think the minister should go on that general rule. The best results I have seen have been accomplished by men who, while exercising a very strong hand over the Indians, still have their respect and confidence. Mr. Graham has been able to get remarkably good results, yet we do not find the complaints about his management that I do in this particular case. He is a strong man, who holds a strong hand over them and is doing excellent work. I have letters inclosed to me by my correspondent from the Indian Department in which the department say this matter was brought to Mr. Graham's attention. Mr. Graham was out of Ottawa at the time, and the matter should be looked into further. I trust the minister will take it up with Mr. Graham and see if something cannot be done. It is not a good thing to have the Indian thoroughly dissatisfied, as the Indian nature will not stand too much and bloodshed might result when personal violence is used against them as is charged in this case.

Mr. OLIVER. My deputy has not any information on the subject. The disputes may very well be left to Mr. Graham, whose duty it is to deal with such matters.

Mr. WILLIAM WRIGHT. There is a very large amount under the head of general expenses, some \$204,000. I would like to ask whether the Indians are self-sustaining, whether all the money spent on the Indians is recouped out of the Indian fund, or how the matter stands.

Mr. OLIVER. The whole Indian expenditure is about \$1,250,000. Of that amount \$300,000 is for expenses of management, of which \$200,000 is for the expenses of management of the Manitoba and Northwest Indians. The Indian expenses are not self-sustaining at all except in the case of one or two bands. The amount of \$1,250,000 is what has to be provided each year out of the general treasury of the Dominion to go to the advantage of the Indians in the different ways provided in the Indian Act.

Mr. WILLIAM WRIGHT. I understood that a large amount of land was held by the Indians and was sold from time to time and the proceeds go into the Indian fund