

Mr. OLIVER. The division is not by counties. Certain reserves are allotted to a certain medical man and he is expected to attend on the Indians at the call of the agent or to prescribe for the Indians of this reserve, or I presume any Indian, who may call at his office, and to give them the medicine his prescription requires.

Mr. RHODES. Is the medical officer supposed to do all the medical work within the territory allotted to him?

Mr. OLIVER. Yes.

Mr. RHODES. Then there should be no outside charge for medical services. There is a rather peculiar condition in my county, because the Indian agent is also the medical officer and at page I—13 of the Auditor General's Report there is an item showing a payment to Dr. F. A. Rand of \$16 for medical attendance upon the Indians. Dr. Rand is the agent as well as the medical officer. This is a small item, but I feel it my duty to bring it to the notice of the minister. At I—13 there are items for medical attendance, F. A. Rand, M.D., Parrsborough, \$200 and \$16. Dr. Rand, the medical officer for that district is also the Indian agent.

Mr. OLIVER. I cannot at the moment give my hon. friend an explanation, but at a later date I shall do so. Dr. Rand is medical officer for certain reserves for Indians and receives a salary of \$200 as medical officer.

Indians, New Brunswick—salaries, \$1,458.

Mr. DANIEL. How many reserves are there in New Brunswick and how many Indians?

Mr. OLIVER. Nineteen reserves and about 150 scattered Indians, 1,861 Indians in all.

Mr. DANIEL. There appears to be a similar arrangement in regard to medical attendance in New Brunswick to that existing in Nova Scotia. There are eighteen or twenty medical officers who apparently receive about \$200 a year apiece, and then the same medical officers make individual charges for medical attendance. If they are paid an annual salary for medical attendance why is the extra charge put in as well?

Mr. OLIVER. I am in the same position in regard to this question as to the questions relating to Nova Scotia. It may be that these medical men make charges for attending Indians of other reserves.

Mr. DANIEL. Where a medical man attends an Indian from another province a charge is specifically made for it and printed in the Auditor General's Report. I should be very glad to get an explanation in regard to those cases.

Mr. RHODES.

Prince Edward Island Indians—medical attendance and medicine, \$650.

Mr. DANIEL. How many Indians on the island?

Mr. OLIVER. Two hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. BARR. How many medical men required?

Mr. OLIVER. One.

Mr. GEO. TAYLOR. The Auditor General's Report, page I—15, shows fifteen or twenty medical men employed. No doubt the reason is that the government has quite a number of political friends there whom they make medical advisers to the Indians and to whom they give from \$25 to \$50 each. To one they give \$200. It looks as if the government were giving these fees to those who will vote for them.

Mr. OLIVER. I must correct the statement that there is one medical adviser. The call may be given to one or another, as the case may be, but they are paid by calls at so much per call.

Mr. BARR. No regular doctor?

Mr. OLIVER. No.

To provide for erection of wharf, Lennox island, P.E.I., Indians, \$1,200.

Mr. GEO. TAYLOR. Why is this not done by the Department of Public Works? That department is building wharfs all over the country, why not build one for the Indians? I suppose it is because the Indian does not vote.

Mr. OLIVER. This vote is standing from last year. The expenditure was not made, and we are asking for a re-vote. I cannot say why it is not done by the Department of Public Works, but I think there are many cases in which the Indian Department handles its own work with the view of employing the Indians and giving them some little advantage in that way.

Mr. GEO. TAYLOR. This is the first time I ever saw a vote taken in the Indian Department to build a wharf for the Indians.

Mr. OLIVER. In this case the Indians are living on an island and require some accommodation to get over to the mainland. We had a vote for a ferry to enable them to get to the mainland a year or two ago.

Mr. GEO. TAYLOR. We never criticise the Indian vote very much, but this seems very irregular. We have voted money to the Public Works Department to build wharfs to accommodate private citizens, and they should do it here just as well as ask the Indian Department to do it.