

By Mr. MacNicol:

Q. I suppose on account of the Maoris down there they would practise that a lot. They would probably be able to teach them quite a bit that would be beneficial here. I want to ask you one more question. I am pleased to see the way you are getting on with this administration. This morning you said that one of the weaknesses particularly was in the field positions, and you mentioned the number of agencies. Have you the total number of field and key positions that would be required?—A. I think the total number of persons we require is about nine field men in the province. At the present time we have only two.

Q. How do you recommend that they should be provided?—A. The establishment should provide for them. It should be stepped up.

Q. Would you consult with the civil service here for appointments?—A. I think that would be a matter for the director's office, to increase the establishments to provide for the field positions.

Mr. BLACKMORE: How many more would you need in the office in order to relieve the pressure?

The WITNESS: I think we would endeavour to get along if we could complete the establishment as it exists, with the additions I have suggested. Perhaps it would be helpful if one or two minor positions were set up to relieve the subordinate staff. And one school inspector, appointed to look after the western part of the country. British Columbia should have two inspectors instead of one.

Mr. MACNICOL: One could not cover the territory?

The WITNESS: I am satisfied that it will require two; and the position of Indian agricultural agent should be filled by someone who has some training in scientific agriculture. It will provide an opportunity, I should say, for the executive to get away into the field more frequently than is possible under the present set-up.

By Hon. Mr. Stirling:

Q. Where are the two field inspectors?—A. There is only one at the moment, Mr. Stirling.

Q. I thought you said you had two?—A. They are the farming instructors; one is at Williams Lake and the other is in New Westminster.

Q. The Williams Lake one being only at Williams Lake?—A. We have really four—I am sorry—two in the Stuart Lake agency, that is north of Prince George, and one in New Westminster, and one at Williams Lake.

Q. Do the ones you mentioned deal just with the reserves?—A. Just with the reserves in their particular agency.

By Mr. MacNicol:

Q. All the other reserves are left without?—A. Without field men. Take the agencies at Lytton, Caughnawaga, Nicola, Kootenay, Babine and Cowichan. Those agencies will all require field men.

Q. You think another seven field men will do?—A. Yes, I feel they would be very helpful to the administration.

Q. Then there is another school inspector and a qualified agricultural inspector?—A. The submission has already been made with respect to the agriculturist. We have a position set up for him, but I was anxious to increase the qualifications for the position and also the salary. The present salary and the qualifications are not very attractive.

By Mr. Blackmore:

Q. What is the salary?—A. The salary is \$2,400, if I remember correctly, and the qualifications are somewhat mediocre. I should say that we should have