

Mr. OLIVER. The newspaper man who does not claim the largest circulation is not a true newspaper man.

Mr. BLAIN. The Minister of Public Works was about to erect a small post office in St. Marys which only cost about \$30,000—

Mr. PUGSLEY. Your ideas are growing; you now seem to think that a \$30,000 post office is a small one.

Mr. BLAIN. For the construction of this post office the Minister of Public Works inserted advertisements in thirty newspapers at a cost of \$658, but he did not advertise in the London 'Free Press' which has more than double the circulation of any newspaper published in that district. In the future we will look to the Minister of the Interior for wider circulation of advertisements about the sale of lands.

Mr. ALCORN. Is 10 per cent deducted in addition to the expenses?

Mr. OLIVER. Ten per cent is deducted and out of the 10 per cent the costs are paid.

Mr. LAKE. Quite recently I saw that two sales were postponed evidently on account of the notice of them being insufficient to enable the people to examine the lands and put in tenders. I am glad to hear what the minister says about more extended advertising in future. The Indians in whose interests the lands are sold have no politics and the advertisements should be inserted in newspapers irrespective of their political complexion.

Mr. WM. WRIGHT. Is the 10 per cent sufficient for the expense account or has it to be supplemented by a grant out of the consolidated revenue?

Mr. OLIVER. Except on very rare occasions the 10 per cent is sufficient. The vote of \$10,000 to Indian management fund is to recoup the fund for money taken out of it a number of years ago for purposes alien to the fund. The fund was, so to speak, robbed and we are from year to year recouping it.

Mr. W. WRIGHT. Is it not forbidden by the Indian Act to use the money for other purpose?

Mr. OLIVER. The money was taken out of the management fund for other Indian purposes. It was contemplated by the Indian Act but the rights of the Indians are being preserved by restoring it to the fund from time to time.

Mr. LAKE. Can the minister say definitely when the Crooked Lake reserve is to be sold?

Mr. OLIVER. We have not advertised the sale yet, but my intention is to have it

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in the fall when the crop has been sufficiently assured to place those in the surrounding country in a fair position to take advantage of it.

Mr. LAKE. Are there any other agencies where land has been surrendered and which will be sold during this fall?

Mr. OLIVER. I think the Swan Lake, the White Bear, and a small piece of Enoch's reserve near Edmonton are all we will be in a position to dispose of the coming fall. We have other surrenders in prospect but they are not concluded yet.

Indians—New Brunswick, salaries, \$1,408.

Mr. CROCKET. Who is the Indian agent for the northeastern district of New Brunswick?

Mr. OLIVER. Robert A. Irving. He was appointed in May, his salary is \$500, which is the same salary the previous incumbent had.

Mr. FOWLER. What Indian schools are there in New Brunswick, how many teachers, where are the schools situated, what do they cost and what is the average attendance of pupils?

Mr. OLIVER. Six day schools, number of pupils, 137; average attendance, 77; salary of the teachers, \$500. The schools are situated at Burnt Church, Eel Ground, Kingsclear, St. Marys, Tobique, Big Cove Camp. There is an appropriation for a new school building at Eel Ground.

Mr. FOWLER. How many doctors are there for the Indians; I refer particularly to Kings county?

Mr. OLIVER. The medical attendance vote is \$4,000 the same as last year. The expenditure in the nine months ending March 30, 1907, was \$2,653. The physicians are: J. D. Rose, Moncton, Westmoreland County, \$200; J. A. Leger, Shediac, Westmoreland County, \$200; P. F. Sprague, Upper and Lower Woodstock, \$100; D. H. McAllister, Sussex, Kings County, \$200; R. H. McGrath, St. Mary's, York County, \$150; W. J. Weaver, King's Clear, York County, \$150; R. W. Earle, Tobique Reserve, \$300; A. C. Ferguson, Eel River, Restigouche, \$50; W. G. King, Buctouche Reserve, Kent County, \$40; F. J. Desmond, Eel Ground and Red Bank, \$200; J. L. McWilliams, Big Cove and Indian Island, \$175; J. B. Mackenzie, Burnt Church Reserve, Northumberland County, \$150; G. M. Duncan, Gloucester County, \$100; J. M. Peake, Oromocto, \$125. The salary includes medicine as well as professional attendance.

Mr. FOWLER. Was there any resignation of the Kings county doctor during March or April or of the doctor in Sunbury about that time?