

Mr. CRERAR: Yes; it depends on what information is desired. I can assure my hon. friend that any information which the Indians of a band desire in respect to the disposal of their trust funds, or any part of them, can be secured through the agent.

Mr. NEEDHAM: I could go into a matter, but perhaps I will take it up with the minister personally.

Mr. CRERAR: That will be all right.

Mr. PERLEY (Qu'Appelle): Four or five members have monopolized most of the time this evening. I think we should have a three minute rule.

Mr. BARBER: What about wheat?

Mr. PERLEY (Qu'Appelle): I am particularly interested in the work the department is doing in trying to stamp out tuberculosis among Indians, particularly as the minister is well aware that since we met here last year a splendid hospital has been opened at Fort Qu'Appelle. I played some small part in having that hospital built, after representations made to the government by Doctor Ferguson, who has been so well spoken of to-night, and Doctor Symes, who is carrying on very splendid research work among the Indians. Representations were made by these men to me and I was able to persuade the department to build a hospital at that site. It is right near the sanatorium at Fort San. I think the committee would be interested in a brief report from the minister as to the success met with at the hospital in the few months it has been open. I think there are about one hundred beds. If we could have some statement as to the number of patients and the medical service it would be of interest.

Then there is the matter of general hospitalization. Much has been said with respect to medical service other than for tuberculosis to the Indians in the different reserves, but I am not going to take the time of the committee on that to-night.

Mr. CRERAR: I am not in a position to give any special report on the very excellent hospital at Fort Qu'Appelle. My officers advise me that it is operating successfully and doing real service to the Indians in that community.

Mr. PERLEY (Qu'Appelle): Does it not serve the whole province? I think it does, for special cases.

Mr. CRERAR: Probably that is correct. I regret that I am not in a position to give a

special report as to the patients treated or their diseases, but I shall be glad to supply my hon. friend with any particular information he may desire regarding that hospital.

Item agreed to.

To assist in provision of transportation facilities into mining areas, \$1,400,000.

Mr. STEWART: How is it proposed to spend this money?

Mr. CRERAR: Hon. members will remember that we had in the estimates a year ago a vote of \$1,500,000 for aid in providing transportation facilities into mining areas. The vote this year is \$1,000,000. The \$400,000 is a re-vote carried forward from the appropriation of last year. Owing to the fact that the session last year did not close until the end of June, the programs of work which had been mapped out were not completely carried through. The vote as made a year ago was for help in providing transportation into mining areas. Many of these mining areas are remote from the railway. If I may venture to say so, I think that that expenditure was one of the wisest that we made last year, having in mind the development of new wealth for the country. The work is done in cooperation with the provinces in each case, the province putting up one third as against our two thirds. The projects are agreed upon by the Department of Mines of the various provinces and the federal department. We supervise the expenditure in this sense, that we have the right to inspect the work as it is progressing.

Mr. STIRLING: Would the minister tell us whether the construction of the west leg of the Big Bend highway comes out of this vote?

Mr. CRERAR: That comes under the surveys and engineering vote.

Mr. STIRLING: The Golden-Revelstoke highway is on the east side: I am asking in connection with the west side.

Mr. CRERAR: Both are under the surveys and engineering vote, which will come up presently.

Item agreed to.

National parks: construction, improvement and repair of roads, \$490,000.

To assist in the development of the Canadian section of the international peace garden, Manitoba, \$10,000.

Mr. CRERAR: Before the six o'clock adjournment my right hon. friend (Mr. Bennett) asked for some information with respect to the oil supplied for the roads in the parks. I find that the price quoted by the