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Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—*Con.*

the department is doing its best to settle the mutual rights—124b. Department will do its best to deal with the Indian garden reserve at the same time—1250.

Amount expended from trust fund in the year 1904-5 was \$346,660. The chief expenditure on Indians is for their education and management, and supplying to them that principle which is civilization—1250. The territory has been increased in the Yukon, in British Columbia, and by Treaty No. 8, in Athabaska. There are 1040 reserves in British Columbia—1251.

Staples, W. D. (Macdonald)—1246.

Asks if petition has been received from citizens of Swan Lake, asking to have reserve thrown open for settlement—1246. The people of Swan Lake would feel grateful if the reserve could be opened for settlement—1247. Would ask the minister if it is possible to recover that section which is contained in the Indian Garden reserve—1249.

Walsh, Robert Nelson (Huntingdon)—1248.

Inquires as to rights of Indians to the timber on the reserves. Last year some of the Indians on the Doncaster reserve cut certain timber which they said was for building purposes, and a lumber company which has certain cutting rights there has seized the logs and given the Indians no satisfaction—1248.

Indian schools, \$221,795—947.

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Desire of department is to secure teachers who hold at least third-class certificates 947.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—947.

Do teachers in Indian schools require to have same qualifications as teachers in public schools of province? What inspection are they subject to?—947.

Live stock, \$20,867—735.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—740.

Why were cattle purchased elsewhere when there are so many in the west—740. Are these cattle purchased under a written contract and what supervision is exercised to ensure that adequate value shall be received? Why do you persist in buying such an enormous proportion of bulls—741.

Herron, John (Alberta)—739.

Would hon. minister tell us if government have any system of inspection of these cattle on delivery at different agencies in Alberta? Could get a better class of stock for about \$18 or \$19 per head. Cattle supplied from Manitoba and Ontario not the best class to turn over to Indians—739. Does not understand why government does not call for tenders—739.

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Ingram, A. B. (East Elgin)—737.

Perhaps hon. minister can explain the necessity of purchasing more bulls when we have such an enormous quantity as 304?—737.

Lalor, F. R. (Haldimand)—741.

How are provisions purchased by public tenders—741.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—735.

Live stock is purchased by Inspector Markle for Alberta and by Inspector Graham for Saskatchewan—735. Hopes to buy what thoroughbreds are required for Alberta agencies at the Calgary sale and those for Saskatchewan agencies at the Regina sales. Auditor General's Report to which hon. gentleman (Mr. W. J. Roche) has referred deals with year ending June 30, 1905—736. Maximum price was \$125 but inspector was allowed some latitude at Calgary sale—737. Does hon. member (Mr. Ingram) ask explanation as to why there is so much stock required? Much surprised to hear the definite statement made by hon. gentleman (Mr. Herron) that cattle were so far below in value the price paid for them. Many ranch men have found it profitable to purchase young stock in eastern Canada—740. Tenders are called for by public advertisement, and the supplies are taken from those giving the lowest tender according to sample—741.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—735.

Does the agent of department purchase this live stock or is there any special officer to perform this service? Can minister state how many cattle were purchased last year at Calgary cattle sales—735. Can minister say what the maximum price was? What agencies has Inspector Markle jurisdiction over?—737. Are there not sufficient cattle raised in the three provinces of west to supply demand?—739.

Medical attendance and medicines, \$2,775—734.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—734.

Are physicians paid by salary or according to attendance? Why do you have two systems?—734.

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Nineteen are paid by salaries running from \$50 up to \$400. Because in some cases the Indians are so scattered that the salary is not justifiable—734.

Medical attendance and medicines, \$2,625—734.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—734.

'Medical attendance and medicines' seem to be about 50 per cent more than the relief and seed grain vote. If department gave less medicine and more seed grain would it not be better for them?—734.