Indians upon their reserve, in fact, by Sec. 41, it is expressly enacted "that all Indian lands -- " shall be managed, leased and sold as the Governor in Council directs. " Now I cannot conceive it possible how any wider term can be used than the word "management" in connection with the Indians as to what shall or shall not be done upon an Indian Reserve. I would say that the word "management" would at all events include the question of regulation and prohibition in connection with fishing and hunting upon the reserves. Then also special provisions have been made in connection with the subject of shooting and fishing. We find in another section that special provisions has been made with regard to the subject of game in certain reserves in certain other provinces. Undoubtedly if there was jurisdiction in the Dominion Parliament to make that regulation, there certainly would be in my opinion jurisdiction to make similar regulations with regard to reserves in British Columbia, and possibly, as Mr. Taylor suggests, it has not been done so out of respect to the early treaties with the Indians in the Province. Then laws regarding the question of bringing in intoxicants on the reserves have been passed, and as I understand no question has ever been raised as to the right of the Deminion Parliament to pass those laws, and mne would say that if the ma matter was of bringing in intoxicants on to reserves was within the purview of the Dominion Parliament, that the question of what should be done with the game and fish within the reserves would a fortiori fall within their

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