

*By Mr. Case:*

Q. Is that working out all right?—A. Yes, I believe so.

Q. Is that all you have?—A. We have a number of school teachers, the odd doctor and a number of nurses. That is the only Indian agent of whom I know at the moment.

*By Mr. Charlton:*

Q. There have been some cases, Mr. Chairman, where I understand Indians have been refused employment; is that so, or not?—A. I do not know of any such cases in British Columbia.

Q. This is not British Columbia, of course. I had reference to the whole of Canada. I understand that to be true.

Mr. HOEY: We encourage their employment. There is one place that I know of where we have fourteen rooms, on the Six Nations Reserve, and they are all in charge of Indians, Indians who are fully qualified academically and professionally.

Mr. CASE: Those are school rooms?

Mr. HOEY: Yes. And the clerk who has just retired, Mr. Hill, of the Six Nations, he had varying services with the department. He was a member of the Six Nations tribe. Elliot Moses, who is at present in our employ in the Six Nations office, is an Indian. We have two or three in the department. As a matter of fact, we helped a young lady through a business college here for a few months, and after she went through she went to the Department of Naval Affairs. They are not particularly anxious to serve in our department. Some of them feel that they like to go elsewhere. We notice that particularly in the case of nurses. And many of them would like to return to their own, but others would like to get away out amongst white people. I have never heard of an Indian who had the qualifications refusing a position. I cannot say whether that would be so or not, it might be.

*By Mr. Case:*

Q. Where are the nurses trained, in their own hospitals?—A. No. We have no provision for the training of nurses in any of our Indian hospitals at the moment.

Q. Where do these nurses get their training?—A. Oh, at the Ottawa Civic, at London, places like that.

Q. In regular hospitals?—A. Yes.

Q. I know that it is impossible to train negresses in our hospitals.—A. We have no difficulty, and the members of the committee may be interested to know that we have three or four Indian girls at the present time in New Zealand who are taking courses in mid-wifery. They took their mother care courses in Toronto, and through the kindness of Mrs. Robertson, they have been sent to New Zealand to take a course of training there. I understand they are to come back to serve amongst their own people. I have not run into any racial obstacle at all as far as Indians are concerned.

Mr. CASE: I am glad to hear that.

*By Mr. Gariepy:*

Q. What was the reason for sending them to New Zealand?—A. There are no courses in mid-wifery provided in this Dominion. There is such a course in New Zealand, and Mrs. Robertson here was in charge of the mother craft training and she is herself a New Zealander.

Mr. GARIEPY: We should take that subject up with the next Dominion-Provincial conference.