

liquor among Indians could be abated if there were energetic officers to enforce the law. In Vernon he had known of 57 Indians and 27 whites to be under arrest for infractions of the liquor clauses of the Indian Act.

TO MR. COMMISSIONER SHAW: He did not think that the penalty for supplying liquor to Indians as provided for in the Indians Act was sufficiently severe, and ~~xxxx~~ would recommend lashes for suppliers. Every murder or serious crime committed by Indians in the interior he believed to be traceable to liquor having been supplied to them by white men or by half-breeds.

TO MR. COMMISSIONER McKENNA: If a conviction was secured against a person commonly known to be a notorious supplier, he would be in favor in giving the lash even for a first offence -- that was upon a conviction being secured for a first time. He was also in favour of imprisonment without a ~~fine, without option~~ of fines, in such offences.

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