

tongue. But when the company does make application for that power I am going to support the application, because I believe it would induce more business to settle in southern Alberta, and the more business you have there, the more employment is created. One thing that the western provinces need more than anything else is cheap power, so that industries will be established there to supply work for a multitude of artisans in various trades.

The particular power in question is most fortunate in that there are three dams one after the other, using the same water, and that makes for the production of cheap power. I made a thorough survey of each one of these dams and the whole area round about, because I have always had a warm feeling for the Stony Indian tribe. This was the tribe, as the minister may know—perhaps he does not know but I do—among which the late and famous Reverend George McDougall, laboured as a minister. The stone marking his grave is not far from one of these dams in the neighbourhood of Morleyville. The reservoir is located quite close to Morleyville. It is an historic site.

Mr. SMITH (Calgary West): The Ghost site.

Mr. MacNICOL: It is near that site that the church is located that was built by the Reverend Mr. McDougall in 1860 or a little later. He died not far away from the site of the Ghost reservoir. Just near there is the ancient crossroads of the Indians travelling from north to south and east to west. The old and historic church at Morleyville is nearby and that site was chosen so that the Indians could have a mission there. Later on I wish to associate myself with a programme to commemorate that historic site.

I have been wondering whether the \$17,500 which the minister said was about the amount which the Indians will receive from these power sites is an adequate return. If it is, I am satisfied. There will be about 37,500 horsepower, the minister said, generated at these three power sites. The Calgary Power Company is up against considerable expense keeping these dams in order. One of them has quite a long bank which has been built to contain the waters, and it may be expensive to maintain. I should like to know whether the department is thoroughly satisfied with this annual fee of \$17,500, because if the power company have to pay more they will have to add to the selling price of their power, and I am convinced that the power should be sold at the cheapest possible rate to encourage more and more industry to estab-

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lish there, thus creating more and more employment. But if the department is satisfied, I have nothing more to say on that.

I want to add a word to what the hon. member for Calgary West has said about the Stony Indian reserve. I went over it carefully. It is a pitiful place on which to settle Indians. If this increased revenue for the Indians—the \$17,500 is an annual return, is it not?—

Mr. GLEN: Yes.

Mr. MacNICOL: If it will enable something to be done for this long-suffering tribe of Indians and give them an opportunity to thrive, that will be all to the good. Someone has said that the tribe has been reduced in numbers. The day I was there, half the tribe were away working in southern Alberta for the farmers, picking beets, I suppose, or tending cattle. These Indians deserve a great deal. They have a good school, the principal of which is the Reverend Mr. Staley, one of the finest men it has been my pleasure to meet. His heart and soul are in his work for the Indians. He told me that his Indian pupils were as well educated, up to the age to which Indian children are educated, as the children of any other school. But where do they go from here, he asked? That is the great point. As the hon. member for Calgary West has said, perhaps more land could be bought. I hope that this \$17,500 will be used to assist the Stony Indians and that a great deal more departmental money will be used to give these Indians a chance that they never yet have had. An industrial school might be located there to train the Indians for the jobs that will be available when this cheaper power is developed in southern Alberta. My own experience in employing Indians is that you can get good results from them in certain lines of industrial activity. I have had them working in plants, and they are thrifty and industrious. I hope that this increased return will work to the benefit of the Indians on the land—and that must be done. I may say to the minister. If the minister has not been on the reservation, I suggest that he should visit it at the first opportunity. He will ask himself why any previous government placed any band of Indians on that reservation. It is almost impossible for them to keep body and soul together. In addition, to this, I hope more will be given them. Give them a chance to live.

When the minister goes there and has a chat with that wonderful man, Reverend Mr. Staley, I am sure he will agree that the Indian children should have some place to go after they are through with school. To-