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any boy or girl who has a bent in a given direction, and where we can place them with employers, we do so.

For instance, the Department of National Health and Welfare are training nurses' aids constantly in their hospitals. With regard to such other training as is available to girls, the door is open for them to take advantage of any opportunities that are available. If we have specific cases and specific individuals we are glad to try and place them in jobs with the co-operation of the employers where they can learn a useful trade.

Some of the information which my hon. friend asked for with relation to the Yukon I believe was given in a general way in my statement yesterday but, of course, not broken down into regions. We shall be glad to furnish whatever information he requires, as I said before.

We will certainly look into the matter of school attendance and its effect on family allowances. I think possibly the answer would be to have the reports of the school superintendent channelled through the Indian superintendent for investigation but this is a matter we will definitely look into. We will also look into the case of Rosemary Lowe as soon as we receive the letter the hon. gentleman promised to write us.

I can tell the hon. member that the Dawson freezer is ordered and should be forthcoming within a reasonable length of time.

The hon. member asked for figures on health and welfare extended to Indians. We do not have this information. This matter comes under the Department of National Health and Welfare. We could secure it for the hon. gentleman but perhaps he would like to ask his question of my colleague when the estimates of his department come up.

Mr. Nielsen: Before the hon. lady proceeds I have one question with respect to the land set aside for the use of Indians. I was not concerned with the technical description of what was and was not a reserve. I was concerned about the fact that the Yukon Indian people have never been compensated as have the other Indian people in Canada for the taking over of their lands. I say "their lands" in the sense that they were there first. I was not thinking of a technical description but intended to ask what are the plans for compensating the Yukon Indian people on the same basis as Indian people in the rest of Canada were compensated either by way of land which they can call their own in perpetuity so they can take part in the revenue from resource developments such as was mentioned by the hon. member for Wetaskiwin or, if not land that they can call their own

in perpetuity, what arrangement does the branch intend to make for something in lieu of land in perpetuity?

Mrs. Fairclough: Of course, Mr. Chairman, these are problems that are brought up from time to time. We have no specific plans at the moment. These are matters that are discussed with the territorial authorities from time to time. All Indians are not on reserves for which compensation has been arranged by way of treaty. It is only where there have been treaties fulfilled by the Indians and the federal authorities that any arrangement can be made with reference to the matters my hon. friend has raised. If there is any further information on that we will be glad to procure it for the hon. gentleman but as I say most of these things are matters of discussion from time to time and have not reached the stage yet where we could say that any particular plan is under consideration.

Mr. Nielsen: I can say right away to the minister that there are no treaty Indian people in the Yukon territory. I am wondering if the minister could ask her officials to direct their attention to designing a treaty or something that will give the Indian people the rights which have been enjoyed for many years by other Indian people in Canada.

Mrs. Fairclough: I am afraid, Mr. Chairman, that if there is no treaty there is no basis for the establishment of those rights. I believe I am correct in saying that. If my hon. friend wishes to explore the question further we will be glad to go into a full discussion of the matter with him.

I understood the hon. member to say that there is no old age assistance in the Yukon. It is my understanding that there is.

Mr. Nielsen: Not for the Indian people.

Mrs. Fairclough: I understand there is, yes. There is no supplementary assistance, that is assistance supplementary to the old age security payments, but I am informed that there is old age assistance available to Yukon Indian people. In so far as supplementary payments—payments supplementary to old age security—are concerned, we have made representations to the council and this is a matter that is under discussion at the present time.

I hope my hon. friend will not be too disappointed if I have not answered completely all of the questions he asked but, frankly, they came so fast that even with my officials and I all taking notes we were unable to get them all down. We will make sure that the hon. member receives complete answers to them within a reasonable length of time.

The hon. member for Fort William asked a question with reference to scholarships. In