

## COUNCIL OF SIX NATIONS.

Mr. LAKE asked :

1. Has the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs refused an interview to a deputation of the chiefs of the council of the Six Nations? If so, on what grounds has this refusal been based?

2. Has the government refused to the Six Nations an inspection of or a copy of certain petitions or memorials from an association known as the Indian Rights Association or Warriors' Association?

3. What are the matters in negotiation or difference between the council of the Six Nations and the Department of Indian Affairs?

4. Why does not the Department of Indian Affairs assent to or recognize the request of the Six Nations for an inspection or copy of certain petitions or memorials?

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior) :

1. The Superintendent General has not refused to receive a deputation of the chiefs of the council of the Six Nations, but has signified his willingness to receive them at any time it might suit them to come to Ottawa.

2. The department did not refuse to send the Six Nations council a copy of the petition or memorial from the Indian Rights Association; it refused to send a copy of the names of the subscribers, as these were very numerous and it was not understood that there would be any use in doing so.

3. (a) The loan system. They state that the present loan of \$20,000 is insufficient, as they desire to improve the sanitary conditions and build a better class of houses.

(b) Investigations. They are not satisfied with the present system of holding investigations, especially as regards the cost of witnesses.

(c) Hereditary council. Some of the chiefs are in favour of simply improving present council, but others favour elective system.

(d) Independence of council. They think their liberties restricted by the department.

(e) Provincial grants. They derive no benefit from either the Dominion or provincial grants to the county of Brant.

4. As stated in answer to question No. 2, the department did not refuse to send a copy of a certain petition from the Indian Rights Association, but said that it did not see any use in sending a list of the subscribers. This list is 13 feet, 7 inches long, and contains some 380 names.

## MOTIONS AGREED TO WITHOUT DISCUSSION.

A copy of all correspondence, telegrams, reports and recommendations in possession of the government, or any member or official thereof, with respect to improved railway service on the Belfast and Murray Harbour Branch Railway.—Mr. A. Martin (Queens).

A copy of reports and correspondence relating to Aurel Mercier, carboneur, on the

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Soulanges canal, who was killed in the performance of his duties in the summer of 1907; also a copy of the report and correspondence relating to an accident which happened to Madame Rock Bradley in attempting to cross the canal on the canal bridges in the summer of 1907.—Mr. Boyer.

Copy of all the correspondence exchanged between the government and Messrs. T. B. Mongenais, Hugh McMillan and others, relating to dredging work done in the River Rigaud, formerly the River Graisse, up to the year 1890. A copy of the reports and correspondence relating to the construction or purchase of the Graham wharf. A copy of the report and correspondence relating to the dredging done at Como up to 1900. A copy of the reports and correspondence relating to the dredging done at Vaudreuil Village, and also relating to the construction and repair of the wharf situated in that village since 1867. And also, a copy of the report and correspondence relating to the deepening of the River St. Louis at Beauharnois.—Mr. Boyer.

Return showing the number of locomotives on the Intercolonial Railway out of service on the 31st December, 1907, and the date of purchase of each engine out of service, from whom purchased, type of engine, passenger or freight, haulage capacity, when in efficient state of repair, when put out of service, and when last used.—Mr. J. D. Reid—by Mr. Foster.

Return showing the number of locomotives in service on the Intercolonial Railway on the several Sundays in the months of October, November and December, 1907, hauling freight trains.—Mr. J. D. Reid—by Mr. Foster.

Return showing the number of trains, both freight and passenger, on the Intercolonial Railway breaking down or detained from defects in engines during the months of October, November and December, 1907, and the causes of such defects.—Mr. J. D. Reid—by Mr. Foster.

Return showing the number of tons of new steel rails lying along the line of the Intercolonial Railway unused, date when purchased, if required, and when to be used.—Mr. J. D. Reid—by Mr. Foster.

Copy of all correspondence, reports, telegrams, resolutions, petitions, &c., in possession of the government or any member or official thereof, respecting the demand of the Charlottetown Board of Trade or any person in Prince Edward Island, for federal legislation to give sailing vessels and steamers equal rights in their proper loading turns at the coal ports in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton.—Mr. A. Martin (Queens).

Copy of the report of the Deputy Minister of Railways and Canals, and the Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries in reference to their meeting with delegates of the boards of trade of Prince Edward Island at Charlottetown in June last, to take into consideration, the removal of the heavy freight and passenger rates on the Prince Edward Island Railway and the Intercolonial Railway, and on freight and passengers to and from Prince Edward Island. Also all correspondence, telegrams, &c., in possession of the govern-