

the districts in the Okanagan—and one of the great problems facing the authorities is the infection of the orchards from the Indian orchards; you cannot get an Indian to look after his orchard. Mr. Ditchburn or any of the officers of the Department will agree that they have great trouble in getting the Indians to clean their orchards up, so there is an infection of the other orchards. That is one reason why the provincial government is not sympathetic. I think the committee should get both sides of the picture.—A. As I said before, I think the Indian needs more intensive training to-day than the white man does.

Q. That is one of your problems, is it not?—A. Yes.

Q. And if that problem were solved, this chimerical demand, that we recognize the right to all underlying land in British Columbia, would fade out of existence?—A. No, I don't think so.

Q. You do not like to let go of that bone?—A. No, and you would not like to let go of it either.

*By Hon. Mr. McLennan:*

Q. Our ancestors have all gone through that at one time or another; they have been conquered—A. We have not been conquered.

Q. Well, call it peaceful penetration in British Columbia, fortunately.—A. It probably was peaceful penetration.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: When we talk about their being conquered—

The WITNESS: We were not conquered. We might have been exterminated, if necessary.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: That touches a sore spot with Mr. Kelly.

Hon. Mr. McLENNAN: I was simply giving—

The WITNESS: No, it does not.

The CHAIRMAN: He seems to be giving a good demonstration of it here.

The WITNESS: That is a thing of the past; it does not worry me any.

*By Hon. Mr. Barnard:*

Q. Can you tell me any reserve on the southern portion of Vancouver Island that is cultivated by Indians up to 50 per cent of its capacity?—A. I cannot say offhand. The secretary tells me that the reserve in Duncan county is cultivated up to 50 per cent. I am not going to argue that point out, because I do not think I can; I am not prepared to do so. This is the point I wish to make; gentlemen, if the white people, after hundreds of years of agricultural life, find it necessary to send their brainiest boys to agricultural colleges so they may learn still further how to till the soil, how much more necessary is it for the Indians to learn the primary principles of agriculture?

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: That is sound.

*By Hon. Mr. Murphy:*

Q. Is that one of your claims?—A. That is one of the claims.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: That is sound commonsense, and you will have a sympathetic hearing here.

Hon. Mr. McLENNAN: You have struck a sympathetic chord in all of the committee on that.

The WITNESS: That is one of the things we have asked for. You belittle my contention for our aboriginal title, because when our aboriginal title is established—some people seem to have said in the past that it is very questionable what the Indians will be satisfied with. Once their title is established, perhaps they will wreck the city of Vancouver and drive out all the population—

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: They will have a hard job doing that.

The WITNESS: Ridiculous as it sounds, that has been stressed in certain places, to the detriment of the Indians, because there is not the faintest kind of