

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT

Thursday, July 27, 1944

The house met at eleven o'clock.

VACANCY

RESIGNATION OF MEMBER FOR THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF ST. HYACINTHE-BAGOT

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the resignation of Th. Adélard Fontaine, Esquire, as member for the electoral district of St. Hyacinthe-Bagot. I have accordingly issued my warrant to the chief electoral officer to make out a new writ of election for the said electoral district.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Third and final report of special committee on radio broadcasting—Mr. McCann.

First report of the joint committee of both houses on the printing of parliament.—Mr. Ferland.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

WINFIELD AND WESTBANK, B.C., INDIAN RESERVES

Mr. STIRLING:

1. What is the total acreage of the Indian reserves at Winfield, B.C., and at Westbank, B.C.?

2. What was the Indian population on each when they were first set aside as reserves?

3. What is the present Indian population on each?

4. What acreage of land in each is, (a) usable; (b) cultivated by Indians; (c) leased by other than Indians; (d) idle?

Mr. CRERAR:

1. Duck Lake Indian Reserve No. 7 (at Winfield, B.C.), 439.64 acres; Tsimstikeptum Indian Reserve No. 9 (at Westbank, B.C.), 1570.17 acres; Tsimstikeptum Indian Reserve No. 10 (at Westbank Wharf, B.C.), 786.90 acres.

2. Duck Lake No. 7—no census figures available but said to have been two and possibly

more families. Tsimstikeptum No. 9, Tsimstikeptum No. 10, 34.

3. Duck Lake No. 7, population 19; Tsimstikeptum No. 9, population 83; Tsimstikeptum No. 10, population 21.

4. (a) Usable land: Duck Lake No. 7, 439.64 acres; Tsimstikeptum No. 9, 1,000 acres; Tsimstikeptum No. 10, 360 acres.

(b) Cultivated by Indians: Duck Lake No. 7, 56 acres; Tsimstikeptum No. 9, 187 acres; Tsimstikeptum No. 10, 110 acres.

(c) Leased by other Indians: Duck Lake No. 7, 44 acres; Tsimstikeptum No. 9, 83 acres; Tsimstikeptum No. 10, 50 acres.

(d) Idle: Duck Lake No. 7, 339.64 acres; Tsimstikeptum No. 9, 1,300.17 acres; Tsimstikeptum No. 10, 426.90 acres.

CANADIAN FORCES—DISCHARGE PAPERS—VOLUNTEERS AND N.R.M.A.

Mr. CHURCH:

1. Is there any difference in the discharge papers of soldiers who volunteer and those of soldiers called under selective service law and regulations?

2. If so, what is it?

Mr. MACDONALD (Halifax):

1. Yes.

2. The same type of form is used but the word "enlisted" appears on the discharge certificate for general service soldiers whereas the word "enrolled" is shown on the certificate for N.R.M.A. soldiers. In addition, the series of N.R.M.A. regimental numbers is distinguishable from General Service numbers. However, if an N.R.M.A. soldier has volunteered for general service, his general service number is used on the discharge certificate and the words, "also served under N.R.M.A. from—to—" are added.

R.C.A.F.—SERVICE STRIPES

Mr. FRASER (Peterborough West):

1. Do personnel of the R.C.A.F. receive service stripes?

2. If not, did they ever receive service stripes?

3. If so, why was the practice discontinued?