

SUPPLY—INTERIOR—INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Annuity, gratuity and expenses, treaty No. 9, from which payments may be made, notwithstanding anything to contrary in the Civil Service Act, \$600, \$29,200—733.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—734.

Is the treaty finally settled?—734.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—734.

This amount is required to complete negotiations with Indians and to pay annuities to those who came into treaty last summer—734.

Civil Government—Department of Indian Affairs, to provide for the payment of salary of J. D. McLean, secretary, at \$2,700 per annum, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Civil Service Act, \$150—5985.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto).—5985.

How long has Mr. McLean been there?—5985. Contingencies—To provide for the payment to widow of late A. Arcand, \$35, and to A. M. P. Drouin for engrossing, \$10, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Civil Service Act, \$45—5985.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria)—5985.

Is this payment to widows universal or only for certain ones?—5985.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—5985.

This is not a gratuity but for work which was done by her husband before his death—5985.

General legal expenses, \$6,350—726.

Cockshutt, W. F. (Brantford)—728.

The administration of justice in relation to the Indians of the county of Brant, is in a very unsatisfactory condition. It is estimated by the legal adviser of the county council of Brant that about \$25,000 has been paid by the white population for the administration of justice to these tribes and no return whatever has been made. Indians are wards of whole Dominion, not of the county of Brant—729. Claim was recognized by department up to 1877—737. Does hon. minister contend that Indians are wards of the provincial government?—732.

Crocket, O. S. (York, N.B.)—732.

The Indian Act defines a number of offences with respect to Indians and prescribes penalties—732. A good deal of uncertainty exists in minds of lawyers and judges as to just how an appeal should be taken under the Act. Quotes provision in Act—733.

Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles—(Minister of Justice)—731.

Will hon. friend (Mr. Northrup) be good enough to mention the name of counsel whose bill was raised in the way he mentions?—731.

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Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—728.

How much was spent last year in legal expenses? Why do you take such a large vote in the presence of such a small expenditure?—728.

Northrup, W. B. (East Hastings)—730.

House has had experience of counsel sending in bill to the Department of Justice and that department kindly raising bill several hundred dollars—730.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—727.

Legal work is done by agents of the Department of Justice in the locality in which case is to be dealt with. Item is necessary to provide for any case that may arise in which it may be thought advisable to engage counsel for defence of Indians charged with serious crimes—727. There is nothing in the Indian Act or in the authority vested in the Department of Indian Affairs that would warrant the department in assuming responsibility on behalf of a municipality for the administration of justice in regard to Indians. It is impossible to foresee what legal expenses may amount to, and it has always been thought well to provide what would be a reasonable and sufficient amount—730. If province of Ontario is to be treated in same manner as the provinces in the Northwest, the expenditure is one appertaining to the province and not to the Dominion—732. There are no law officers connected with Indian Department—733.

Reid, J. D. (Grenville)—726.

Would like to have some explanation as to how item is made up—726. Will hon. minister tell us whether the hon. Solicitor General takes charge of the legal work of his department, or has he to farm it out, to different lawyers throughout the country? Understands the practice is that Indians give an order on the annual grant for the payment of the solicitor they employ, and his fees are deducted—727.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—728.

In what stage of advancement toward completion is the Oka dispute? Are the Indians being removed as formerly, or are they still in possession of the property?—728.

Implements, tools, &c., \$8,307—735.

Barr, John (Dufferin)—735.

How are those tools, &c., purchased, by tender?—735.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—735.

The increase is principally accounted for by a request for a threshing outfit for the Saddle Lake agency, and more implements and tools for Indian Station No. 8—735.

Indians, General—J. A. Macrae, Inspector Indian agencies and reserves, \$1,350—1228.