

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Macdonald (Brantford City) in the chair.

On section 1—Short title.

Mr. FRASER: How many square miles does this take away or flood out from the Indians? Are the Indians satisfied with the agreement?

Mr. GLEN: The hon. member has asked how many acres were taken from the Indians or were flooded out. The Horseshoe site is one of 1,000 acres, for which \$10,000 was paid.

Mr. FRASER: Was that paid to the Indians?

Mr. GLEN: Many years ago. Then the Kananaskis is of course 95 acres, for which \$10,000 was paid, and the Ghost is 1,232 acres, for which \$20,337 was paid. These lands were surrendered years ago, and that money was paid to them.

Mr. FRASER: Are the Indians satisfied under the new agreement, and were they consulted?

Mr. GLEN: The Indians were satisfied. They surrendered the lands, and received a rental of \$1,500 at that time. That was the agreement. As will be seen, we are at this time increasing the rentals to a point considerably over what was formerly received.

Mr. FRASER: Have they been consulted?

Mr. GLEN: I do know that they were consulted then, because they had surrendered the lands and had received payment. There would be no need for further consultation with them.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: This afternoon the minister outlined the development of water-power on the Indian reserve. Has he any engineers' figures to show the extent to which the power development can be increased?

Mr. GLEN: These sites are practically fully developed now.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: I understand that this Indian reserve has very little arable land and is not possible of economic development. The moneys paid would have been paid in trust to the Indian Affairs branch?

Mr. GLEN: Yes.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: And administered by the Indian Affairs branch, and the agency?

Mr. GLEN: Yes.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: How many Indians are affected? How will the money the Indians are to get be used? Will it be held in trust,

or is it the intention to carry on some development to improve the economic condition of the Indians at that point?

Mr. GLEN: There are about 700 Indians.

Mr. MacNICOL: Does that include the families?

Mr. GLEN: That is the total population. The hon. member for Calgary West was referring to the Stony Indians. At this very moment an officer is out there looking into this whole matter affecting those Indians. He will endeavour to carry out the wishes the hon. member has expressed, with a view to purchasing some other lands so that these families may have proper attention and proper care from the Indian branch. This has been very much in their minds. We are hoping we shall obtain land which will be sufficient for the maintenance of these families.

In answer to the hon. member for Yorkton, I may say that the money now being received by the dominion government will be used for the benefit of the Stony Indians. That is part of the agreement. All that will be done with the money will be done for their entire benefit, maintenance and care.

Mr. MacNICOL: It is a pleasure for me to speak briefly on this matter, Mr. Chairman. I supported a bill when it was before this house in a previous parliament to turn over to the Calgary Power Company the waters of the upper portion of the Ghost river, which were diverted and turned into lake Minnewanka in Banff park to produce more power for making munitions; and I am going to support this one.

The Calgary Power Company deserve a lot of credit for their oversight in making use of the maximum amount of water from the resources of the Bow river to provide power for Alberta. What is needed more than anything else in some parts of Alberta, and particularly, in Saskatchewan, is cheap water power. I do not know just what the Calgary Power Company are charging for their horsepower, but I have no doubt that their rates have been checked and are reasonable. The fact that they are able to produce this much power at a reasonable rate will be a great inducement to industry to settle in that part of Alberta where industry is so sorely needed.

I believe that there is one other source of water power that the Calgary Power Company can acquire, and perhaps will acquire later on to increase its power at these various sites. It is in the valley west of Banff; I have forgotten the name at the moment; I did not know this bill was coming up to-day or I would have had these names on the tip of my