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**Asks Reserves for Nordegg Indians
As Protection Against White Men**

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OTTAWA. — Speedy action on the part of the government is essential before the homes and lands occupied by about 150 Stony Indians in the Nordegg area "pass into the hands of some white capitalist who wishes to build a tourist camp," John Laurin, secretary of the Indian association of Alberta, has reported to the Indian affairs branch of the department of mines and resources.

This information was disclosed to the commons Thursday by Secretary of State (Shaw in a return tabled for F. D. Shaw (S.O., Red Deer).

Mr. Laurin advanced, in support of the suggestion to set aside a reserve for these Indians, their moral right to live, a right, he stated, "sometimes overlooked in this regard."

He also believed the recent extension to the Morley reserve to pro-

vide for these Indians was inadequate.

Mr. Laurin did not think the government should establish an official in their midst. "All they require is a combined teacher-missionary-dispensary and a continuation of the present arrangements for rations and medical and hospitalization services, as now done."

Mr. Laurin's report, forwarded by C. H. Gooderham, inspector of Indian agencies for Alberta, states the land held by the Indians along the North Saskatchewan river has been occupied by them since around 1880. And it was the site of the winter camp of the Stoney as far back as the days of Anthony Henry and David Thomson.

The Indians are living mainly in the area which will lie between the river bank and the probable route of the proposed David Thompson road.