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BRITISH COLUMBIA—*Con.*

Chisholm, Thos. (East Huron)—1082.

Why should the Indians not pay their own medical fees?—1082. Does the department supply medicine besides giving salary?—1086.

Cockshutt, W. F. (Brantford)—1084.

Draws attention to discrepancy between treatment of Indians on Brant reserve and those in British Columbia—1084.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—1079.

How has that been running for the past few years?—1079. There is more there—1085.

Fowler, G. W. (King's and Albert)—1082.

Do you pay them a stated price per year, as is done in New Brunswick? If another doctor is called in does the regular doctor pay the fee?—1082.

Hughes, S. (Victoria and Haliburton)—1080.

What medical men are permanently employed?—How many Indians at Mission City and at Hot Springs?—1080. Do not many of the B.C. Indians earn large sums at fish panning?—1081. Has minister any report to show that one out of a thousand of these Indians ever sees a doctor? Draws attention to page J-70 of Auditor General's Report, and claims that great discrepancy exists in cost of medical attendance on reserves—1085.

Macpherson, R. G. (Vancouver)—1082.

The Indians contiguous to the water make fairly good money, but there are a great many removed from that possibility—1082. Said they were different animals—1084.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—1079.

Gives expenditures for last four years. Medical attendance and medicines are provided for Indians who cannot afford to buy them—1079. Gives list of doctors employed and amounts paid. 300 Indians at Mission City, and about 400 at Hot Springs. In Quebec there are only about 10,000 Indians; in British Columbia there are 25,000 scattered over about 1,000 reserves. About 20,000 in Ontario; they are more civilized and pay for a good deal of medical attendance—1080. There are 1,040 reserves in British Columbia. The Ontario Indians have a valuable income which the British Columbia Indians have not—1081. There are one-third more than in Ontario, which increases the cost without corresponding increase of earning power. Doctors have to report from time to time. If another doctor is called in the regular doctor pays the fee—1082. Now dealing with medical attendance only. There is considerable tuberculosis among the British Columbia Indians; it is common to all Indians who have adopted civilized life to any extent. Dr. Mackenzie of Manitoulin, and Dr. Fraser, of Brandon were brought here to discuss the question of tuberculosis—1083. Have no report from Dr. Laf-

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ferty. The permanently employed doctors are allowed to practise outside the agency. Good men could not be obtained to give full service for amount that some of the doctors are paid, and only good men are wanted. The physicians provide their own medicine—1086. Will be glad if hon. gentleman (Mr. Reid) will give facts to me where a doctor has employed a student to do his work. Physicians' services in the West are more expensive than in Ontario. The Indians in British Columbia are scattered and need a larger number of schools in proportion to their members—1087.

Roche, W. J. (Marquette)—1083.

Is there much tuberculosis among the Indians of B. C.? Was the visit of Dr. Lafferty this year at expense of government? Was any other medical officer invited down—1083? The trip a nice one, but there should not be discrimination—1084.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—1081.

How is it that the earnings of the Ontario Indians enable them to pay for medical attendance, and the B. C. Indians, who earn nearly as much, do not pay for attendance?—1081.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—1084.

Heard Sir John Macdonald speak of the Indians as wards of the nation; now Mr. Macpherson, who presumably speaks for the government, says they are a different breed of animals—1084. Instead of decreasing, the expenditure on Indians is increasing up by leaps and bounds—1085.

Office and miscellaneous, \$7,927.50—1094.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria and Haliburton)—1094.

Does the minister know the population of Hazelton, and how many nurses and attendants there are in the hospital?—1094.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—1094.

This is divided into different items; we have a report of Hazelton in the department—1094.

Relief, \$6,000—1078.

Foster, Hon. G. E. (North Toronto)—1079.

If it is a matter of taking care of the insane it is a perfectly legitimate expense—1079.

Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—1078.

The expenditure under this head in 1901-2 was \$6,499; in 1902-3, \$8,767; 1903-4, \$7,182; in 1904-5, \$8,002—1078.

Salaries, \$18,060—1078.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—1078.

That disappears from the 'miscellaneous'—1078.