

1 to January 15. Last year it was cut down to October and November. We have two kinds of birds in that part of Nova Scotia, the home bird and the migratory bird. They do not reach the shore before the month of December, so I ask the minister to consider changing the season in western Nova Scotia to November and December.

Mr. POULIOT: There are game wardens in Kamouraska and Rimouski county, but none in Temiscouata. Many birds are to be found at Isle Verte and on Hare island and White island and I submit a game warden should be appointed for Temiscouata.

Item agreed to.

Indian Affairs branch—To provide for expenses connected with the administration of Indian affairs, including salaries, supplies, relief, medical attendance, hospitalization, dwellings, agricultural activities, surveys, roads, bridges, irrigation, dyking, education, et cetera, and a grant of \$100,000 approved by parliament in session of 1926-27, \$4,249,124.

Mr. NEEDHAM: Does the Indian agent give to the chief or councillors of the band, an account of the money he receives for the band, and the expenditures made therefrom?

Mr. CRERAR: Certain bands have band funds which earn a certain rate of interest, I believe five per cent. The disposition of band funds can be made only by the joint consent of the Department of Indian Affairs and the band itself. So far as an accounting is concerned, there is a proper accounting made of the disposition of all funds.

Mr. NEEDHAM: Do the chief and his councillors get an accounting of what has been received and disbursed during the year?

Mr. CRERAR: Any withdrawal of money from a band fund is done only with the consent of the band itself. The band knows for what purpose the money is being withdrawn, and how it will be expended. At any time the chief or any Indian can get from the Indian agent any information desired in relation to the fund.

Mr. NEEDHAM: Are the books of the agent open to the chief and the councillors?

Mr. CRERAR: The accounts of all these trust funds are kept in Ottawa. We do not permit the agents to handle the trust funds. If the Indian desires information and it is proper information, he can secure it from the Indian agent.

Mr. NEEDHAM: Can the chief go to the Indian agent and get access to the books?

Mr. CRERAR: I have just stated that the records are kept in Ottawa, where the band funds are maintained. If the chief wants to go to the Indian agent to get some information, he can do so.

Mr. NEEDHAM: Could the agent give the chief a statement of the moneys received and disbursed for the band during the year?

Mr. CRERAR: Certainly.

Mr. NEEDHAM: I am not referring to trust funds; I am referring to treaty money, and what is received from the reserve and so on.

Mr. CRERAR: There is no accounting necessary for the payment of treaty money except with respect to the amount paid out and who receives it. That money is paid under treaty regulations. So far as the expenditure of money voted by parliament is concerned, that is not a matter that concerns the chief or his councillors.

Item stands.

At six o'clock the Speaker resumed the chair and the house took recess.

After Recess

The house resumed at eight o'clock.

PRIVATE BILLS

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 91, respecting The Premier Trust Company—Mr. Ross (St. Paul's).

Bill No. 95, to incorporate The Canadian Mercantile Insurance Company—Mr. Vien (for Mr. Fontaine).

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE—THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 104, for the relief of Albert Henry Pergley.—Mr. Jacobs.

Bill No. 105, for the relief of Suzanne Rosenthal Winnikoff.—Mr. Factor.

Bill No. 106, for the relief of Kate Mary Briggs Robinson.—Mr. Jacobs.

Bill No. 107, for the relief of Mildred Gordon Kahn.—Mr. Jacobs.

Bill No. 108, for the relief of Ernest Arthur Allen.—Mr. Tomlinson.

Bill No. 109, for the relief of Florence Rose Wright Clark.—Mr. MacKinnon (Edmonton West).

Bill No. 110, for the relief of Constance Hope Davidson.—Mr. Heaps.

Bill No. 112, for the relief of Rosalie Annie Arathoon Webster.—Mr. Plaxton.

Bill No. 113, for the relief of Minnie Sidilkofsky Sadagursky.—Mr. MacKinnon (Edmonton West).—Mr. Walsh.

Bill No. 114, for the relief of Simone Bailargeon Mann.—Mr. Walsh.

Bill No. 115, for the relief of Thelma Lucille Farr.—Mr. Ross (St. Paul's).

Bill No. 116, for the relief of Sybil Geddes.—Mr. Graydon.