

presume Canon Tucker you refer to the \$5,000.00 that had been in the estimates; of course, as I informed you the last day you were here, that \$5,000.00 is not appearing in the estimates of this year or last year either; it lapsed some time ago, so that that appropriation cannot be utilized for the reason that there is no appropriation of that character, but, at the same time, I think it was explained on the occasion of your last visit that for all the expenses of the prosecution of the case before the Privy Council money would be forthcoming from the Government, but I gleaned from your remarks that the principal expenses you refer to are not the expenses in connection with prosecuting the case before Council, but it is these preliminaries that are going on now and may hang on no one knows how long.

CANON TUCKER.—As I take it, we have been working until quite recently entirely in accord with the Government of Canada in trying to carry out their policy and following out their suggestions, doing work and undertaking expense that we would not otherwise have done, and it is all maturing the question for a final settlement. Of course, it may in some respects be against the present intentions of the Government of Canada, but, all the same, there can be no reasonable desire to have the question settled in a one-sided way, and we consider this to be a national question, and I, at least, am acting, as far as we represent the nation, in the name of the nation, but indirectly through the churches and other organizations, and we think that anything that tends to bring this question to an issue is a national work, and I believe that the present action of the Government of Canada is due in a measure to the work that has been done both by the Friends of the Indians and by the Social Service Council of Canada; it might have been dormant still but for the work we have been doing; and we have always tried to act upon constitutional lines; we have always frowned down upon anything in the form of illegality or anything of that kind, and we have tried in every possible way to seek a solution of the question on broad national lines, and, in maturing the question for final solution, we may be doing as good work as in preparing the case for the courts.

DR. ROCHE.—The only effective answer to that is that we have no appropriation and therefore cannot hold out any promise.

CANON TUCKER.—The difficulty of securing money in a private way when your mind is taken up with the larger aspect of the question is very great, and a small sum from the Government of Canada, which they would never feel and