

Mr. BLACKMORE: Would it be in order to suggest Mr. Lickers ask questions first?

The CHAIRMAN: I think probably we will let Mr. Lickers have the rest of the time. We have twenty minutes. To-morrow morning the members can continue.

Mr. CASE: He is familiar with them. Let him proceed.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Lickers, would you carry on?

Mr. LICKERS: How many schools have you on the Six Nations reserve?

Mr. JOSEPH HILL: There are eleven schools with sixteen rooms.

Mr. LICKERS: How many pupils are attending those schools?

Mr. JOSEPH HILL: For the last quarter there were 679.

Mr. LICKERS: And how many pupils are there to each teacher?

Mr. JOSEPH HILL: There is an average of 43.

Mr. LICKERS: Do you think that is an adequate staff?

Mr. JOSEPH HILL: By no means.

Mr. LICKERS: How many more schools do you require?

Mr. JOSEPH HILL: Offhand I would say two or three.

The CHAIRMAN: How many classes are there under each of these teachers?

Mr. LICKERS: Are all these just single-room schools?

Mr. JOSEPH HILL: No, there are at present four two-room schools.

Mr. LICKERS: So that you actually have sixteen classrooms?

Mr. JOSEPH HILL: Yes, sir.

Mr. LICKERS: And what about the teachers? Are they all qualified?

Mr. JOSEPH HILL: We have fourteen qualified teachers. Two are qualified in the sense that they have the academic standing.

Mr. LICKERS: They are qualified but not certified? Can we put it that way?

Mr. JOSEPH HILL: Correct.

Mr. LICKERS: Are they Indians?

Mr. JOSEPH HILL: All of them.

Mr. LICKERS: How long has the teacher with the longest service been teaching there?

Mr. JOSEPH HILL: I would say to the best of my knowledge this is her thirty-eighth year.

Mr. LICKERS: Is there any antagonism on the part of the residents or parents to their children being taught by Indian teachers?

Mr. JOSEPH HILL: No, sir.

Mr. LICKERS: Do they have any school boards?

Mr. JOSEPH HILL: No, sir.

Mr. LICKERS: What jurisdiction has the council over the operation of these schools?

Mr. JOSEPH HILL: None.

Mr. LICKERS: Do they contribute towards the support or expenses of the operation of those schools?

Mr. JOSEPH HILL: No. Prior to 19—

The CHAIRMAN: You can answer if you like Mr. Reginald Hill.

Mr. LICKERS: Whoever has the information.

Mr. REGINALD HILL: Prior to 1927 until the matter was brought up here in parliament by Mr. Franklin Smoke, M.P., I think the expenses were borne