

people—by making use of the provincial agricultural services which, at the moment, are not available to Indians. That is the feeling at any rate in the part of the country from which I come—that the departmental agriculturists might well be supplemented by the provincial ones, and I understand our provincial agriculturists in British Columbia are willing to give that service if they are permitted to do so.

Has any attempt been made, or can the minister or director make any comment?

Mr. MACKAY: In my time in British Columbia every encouragement was given to the provincial officials, not only in agriculture but in other fields, to co-operate in the matter of Indian administration. Of course, provincial agriculturists have their own work to do but I recall on a number of occasions their coming to our assistance without hesitation in connection with cattle difficulties and the examination of land to advise us just what crops should go in. I think I can say without hesitation the present commissioner in British Columbia would be very glad indeed to encourage the local provincial people to do what is possible to assist Indians on reserves. There is not anything by way of prevention—we would not prevent the provincial people from extending assistance; we would encourage it.

Mr. FULTON: I am glad to hear you say that. Perhaps it is a matter that can be worked out on a local basis. Are you aware of whether any direct conversations have been held lately with a view to co-ordinating the matter in British Columbia? As you know there is out there an Indian advisory committee. Has this matter been discussed with the commissioner out there and the Indian advisory committee?

Mr. MACKAY: I cannot say whether it has but inasmuch as that committee has been set up I should think they would get together with their own people and our people would get together with them and do what is possible by way of co-operation in the field you have mentioned, as well as in other fields.

Mr. FULTON: Well, before leaving that subject I would like to recommend to Major MacKay, for the reason the Indians have mentioned specifically—the question of agriculture—that your commissioner and the Indian advisory committee discuss the matter and see whether a greater degree of co-ordination can be achieved and greater assistance rendered by the agriculturalists.

Mr. MACKAY: I shall be glad to bring it to the attention of the commissioner.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall section 70 carry?

Carried.

Hon. Mr. HARRIS: In connection with section 32 Justice has agreed with Mr. Fulton that the wording should be—"Manitoba, Saskatchewan, or Alberta."

The CHAIRMAN: Shall 32 carry?

Carried.

Hon. Mr. HARRIS: Then we come to section 80.

80. The council of a band may make by-laws not inconsistent with this Act or with any regulation made by the Governor in Council or the Minister, for any or all of the following purposes, namely,

- (a) to provide for the health of residents on the reserve and to prevent the spreading of contagious and infectious diseases,
- (b) the regulation of traffic,
- (c) the observance of law and order,
- (d) the prevention of disorderly conduct and nuisances,
- (e) the protection against and prevention of trespass by cattle and other domestic animals, the establishment of pounds, the appointment of