

By Hon. Mr. Green:

Q. Are the Indians using it up to their full capacity on that reserve?—
A. Yes.

By Hon. Mr. Stevens:

Q. What would it cost to put in a pumping plant, and pump the water for irrigation out of the North or South Thompson?—A. We figure it about \$12,000 to irrigate about 75 or 80 acres.

By Hon. Mr. McLennan:

Q. The plant would cost that?—A. Yes.

By the Chairman:

Q. This water question is a very complicated matter. When you say the Indians get fifty-fifty with the ranching company, does it mean that they get enough water to raise a crop, or merely enough water to induce them to start a crop, and then not have enough to finish it?—A. It is not enough to raise crops in the manner in which they are cultivating at the present time. If they would cultivate more on the community system, not in separate little holdings, they would get much better results and their water would carry them along much farther than it does at the present time. We have been trying to induce the Indians to plot all their potatoes together, and their alfalfa together, each man having his holding in this community division, and then their water would go much farther than where they have their crops scattered.

By Hon. Mr. McLennan:

Q. Are there other cases at all similar to this Kamloops one?—A. The loss of priority in the Okanagan has affected the Indians considerably.

By Hon. Mr. Stevens:

Q. Which one is that?—A. That is the Okanagan Indians; that is the Indians from Spallumcheen to Osoyoos.

By Hon. Mr. McLennan:

Q. Is that the district that we heard of yesterday where the Indians were not properly using their orchards?—A. Yes. I would like to just refer to that. Mr. Stevens mentioned the fact yesterday that the Penticton Indians were not cultivating their land up to the extent which it was possible to cultivate it. I have to say that I cannot agree with Mr. Stevens in that regard. I believe every acre of the Penticton reserve is under cultivation that is possible to be irrigated.

By Hon. Mr. Stevens:

Q. How long since?—A. Has been for the last ten years.

Q. Is that the reason they are not cultivating the rest of it?—A. That is the reason they are not cultivating the rest of it.

Q. There is a lot of it not cultivated?—A. There is undoubtedly a lot of it not cultivated, but there is no water there to cultivate it with.

By Hon. Mr. McLennan:

Q. Could water be brought there?—A. Possibly Mr. Stevens is referring to that large tract of land that is on that side hill just opposite Penticton?

By Hon. Mr. Stevens:

Q. Yes. That takes in the reserve?—A. It is impossible to put water on there economically. The Government of British Columbia took that into con-