

Indians, have ideas of their own as to what should be done to abolish that. I suggest, therefore, that future speakers on the subject bear that in mind; together with their criticisms we would like to hear some useful suggestions as to how to deal with these difficulties.

MR. D. C. SCOTT: Dr. Hewitt's suggestion is certainly very much to the point. While the Indian has been blamed, as well as the Indian Department, I wish to say that our policy is to support the provincial authorities in the conservation of game, and anything we can do through your agents to assist, we shall do energetically. If the provincial delegates can make any suggestions at any time as to action that might be taken by the Indian Department we shall be delighted to co-operate. Of course, the law-making power is in the hands of the provinces, as well as the enforcement of the law. But the Indian Department will do what it can, through its officials, by way of advice or otherwise, to put a stop to these illegal practices, which, of course, we deplore as much as anybody.

MR. G. H. RAPSEY (Superintendent of Game and Fisheries, Ontario): On behalf of Ontario, I wish to thank Mr. Scott for the co-operation of his Department with the Department of Game and Fisheries of my province. I have no adverse criticism to offer, so far as Ontario is concerned; the Department of Indian Affairs gives us every assistance.

MR. SCOTT: I thank you very much—but we have not assisted you more than we have the other provinces.

MR. RAPSEY: MR. Chairman, I wish to express my thanks for the kind invitation I received to attend this conference. I only regret that Mr. McDonald, the Deputy Minister, who, until the last moment, had intended to come, found it impossible to get away, and asked me to attend in his stead. I am not prepared, therefore, to give you an address; in fact, I hardly knew what was to come before the meeting until I received the programme this morning. I am greatly interested, however, in hearing from the other provinces and being informed somewhat fully of their difficulties. I realize that the Indian problem is a great one, and that the Indians are causing a great deal of destruction. But the Indians are not alone to blame. In Ontario a good deal of destruction is due to the white man, particularly in the northern part of the province, where lumbering operations are being carried on. There, a common practice is to engage men by the month to go out and shoot big game for the camp table.

HON. E. A. SMITH: I think that in New Brunswick the big game has been really on the increase; there is no particular scarcity in the