

Mr. HOEY: No, we call him, in Quebec, the Inspector of Indian Agencies in Quebec.

Mr. RAYMOND: I should like to have the name of this person and his address.

Mr. HOEY: Mr. J. Thibault. He has just retired. I think he retired on 4th May.

Mr. CASE: It will be six months before anyone takes his place.

Mr. HOEY: He was in the service only for a few years. I think he has either two or three months retirement leave due.

Mr. RAYMOND: My second question is this. Mr. MacNicol this morning asked Mr. MacKay if he was a federal or provincial officer.

The WITNESS: A federal officer.

Mr. RAYMOND: Yes, that is correct. These difficulties struck me this morning. I should like to know if there is such a thing as a provincial officer.

Mr. HOEY: For Indian Affairs?

Mr. RAYMOND: Yes.

Mr. HOEY: No.

Mr. RAYMOND: There is none?

Mr. HOEY: No.

Mr. RAYMOND: The third question was brought up by Mr. Case, and it was whether you had the same regulations all over Canada.

Mr. CASE: Uniformity of administration.

Mr. RAYMOND: Yes. They were talking about the employment of agents. My question will go further. I should like to know if there are the same regulations concerning the Indians for all Canada. I mean, are there the same rules in British Columbia as in Alberta, as in Ontario, or elsewhere?

Mr. HOEY: The law is the same in each province.

Mr. RAYMOND: Thank you.

Mr. MACNICOL: I have no further questions about administration.

Mr. LICKERS: Mr. Chairman, what I intend to do is this. After all members have asked questions on any aspects they may be interested in, I intend to ask a few questions as to the situation with regard to Indian affairs as I know it.

The CHAIRMAN: You may be seated, Mr. Lickers. And would you talk a little louder, please?

*By Mr. Lickers:*

Q. In talking about the required faster appointments, would you suggest that a commissioner be appointed for each province, with full power to act in his particular province in regard to Indian affairs?—A. Is that question addressed to me?

Q. Yes.—A. That is a very heavy responsibility to have placed on a commissioner or on an inspector. The thing that is necessary is prompt action on the part of the Civil Service Commission in the matter of appointments. Ways and means should be devised whereby successors are appointed without our having to wait months and sometimes years. It probably will involve an amendment of the civil service regulations and the Civil Service Act. I do not think it is a good thing, from the point of view of principle, to place responsibility on an executive officer in the matter of appointment of federal servants or government servants, provincial or federal for that matter. The prerogative and the jurisdiction in that matter rests, as I understand it, with the body known