

LAND SCRIP TO SOUTH AFRICAN CONTIN-
GENTS.

Mr. McCORMACK asked :

Is it the intention of the government to issue scrip for land to each officer, non-commissioned officer and man from Canada who served the empire in South Africa?

The PRIME MINISTER (Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier). I have to inform the hon. gentleman that such is not the intention of the government.

MR. OGILVIE, YUKON COMMISSIONER.

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER asked :

1. Has Mr. Ogilvie, Commissioner of the Yukon district, been recalled or dismissed?

2. Has any communication been sent to him respecting in any way his continuance in office or his retirement from office?

3. Has any communication been received from him on this subject?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Hon. Wm. Mulock). In the absence of my hon. colleague the Minister of the Interior, I beg to reply :

1. No.

2 and 3. No official communications have been sent or received.

RAMA TOWNSHIP INDIANS.

Mr. McLEOD asked :

1. Do the Indians of Rama Township, Ontario, pay any taxes to the municipality for roads and bridges, or do any road work?

2. What acreage of land is held by the Indians in that township?

3. Is it the intention of this government to assist the white settlers of Rama Township in the maintenance of roads and bridges, in proportion to the acreage and value of lands held by the Indians?

4. What amount of money stands to the credit of the Indians of Rama Reserve in the department here?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Hon. Wm. Mulock). In the absence of my colleague the Minister of the Interior, I beg to reply :

1. These Indians, like all other Indians in the Dominion, are exempt from paying municipal taxes on lands within a reserve, but they perform statute labour on the roads abutting, as well as those running through the reserve, as required by the provisions of the Indian Act.

2. 2,380 acres.

3. The question of granting assistance to the municipality to maintain the roads in the township of Rama, is under consideration.

4. \$52,485.45.

CENSUS COMMISSIONER FOR CHARLOTTE,
N. B.

Mr. GANONG asked :

1. Has a census commissioner been appointed for the electoral district of Charlotte, N.B.?

2. How many applications were made for the position, and what were the names of applicants?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (Hon. Sydney A. Fisher). 1. No census commissioner has been appointed for the electoral division of Charlotte. 2. The applications are private.

WATER LEVEL OF THE GREAT LAKES.

Mr. LANCASTER asked :

1. Is the government aware that in the Senate of the United States, at the first session of the 56th Congress, in January, 1900, the following resolution was passed, viz.:—

'That the President of the United States invite the government of Great Britain to join in the formation of an international commission, whose duty it shall be from time to time to report upon the conditions and uses of the waters adjacent to the boundary line between the United States and Canada, including all the waters of the lakes and rivers whose waters flow by the River St. Lawrence to the Atlantic Ocean, and also upon the effect upon the shores of these waters and the structures thereon and upon the interests of navigation by reason of their diversion from their natural flow, and further to report upon the necessary measures to regulate such diversions.'

2. Have any representations been made to this government by (1) the government of the United States, or (2) by the Imperial government in reference to the above?

2. If so, will the government state how the matter referred to now stands?

The PRIME MINISTER (Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier). The government has not been informed of the matter referred to in the question, either by the Imperial authorities, or by the United States government.

DOMINION ELECTIONS ACT AMEND-
MENT.

Mr. ANDREW B. INGRAM (East Elgin). I beg leave to move the second reading of Bill (No. 2) to amend the Dominion Elections Act, 1900. I may say that this deals with the form of ballot that was used in the last general election. Hon. gentlemen will remember that, in counting up their votes, they found a number of ballots that were blank—had no mark on them at all.

The PRIME MINISTER (Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier). I will ask my hon. friend (Mr. Ingram) to allow this to stand. We have not received the Bill yet.

Order allowed to stand.

CHARTERED CORPORATIONS.

On the motion :

Mr. Smith (Vancouver)—List of all corporations now doing business in Canada under charter of the Dominion government. The number receiving subsidies by cash or land grants, and the amount of such subsidy attached to each.

Mr. RALPH SMITH (Vancouver). In presenting the resolution, that which stands in my name on the Order paper, I would move