

SUPPLY—INTERIOR—INDIAN AFFAIRS—*Con.*

*Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—Con.*

and Charles Beck connected with the so-called McEwan Cattle Company and are they not known in the department as the actual lessees?—955. Is there any correspondence between Charles Beck and Peter Ryan with government in reference to lease? Is there a fixed two cent rate ordinarily on these leases in the department and for how many years is this lease granted? Can minister tell me of another 10 year grazing lease in the department?—956.

*Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)—948.*

This case demands every effort of government to bring about better conditions in development of white population, without detriment to Indians, and realizing always that good faith must be kept with them—948. Was part of an Indian reserve secured for National Transcontinental Railway? Was it done with Indian's consent? Remarkable that law should give railway company power to do for promoters what government has not power to do for inhabitants of large community—949. Would like to say case appears to be more analogous than minister seems to think. Does not see much difference between expropriating land for right of way of railway and expropriating it so that community established by railway may have proper development—951. Who are the ostensible lessees of Blood reserve?—957. What is the area of reserve?—958. Condition of affairs seems to be unsatisfactory; Indians are simply wards and lease in end must be made with Crown—959.

*Fowler, Geo. W. (King's and Albert, N.B.)—952.*

Have any reserves in British Columbia been surrendered or are steps being taken to have such reserves surrendered?—952. More important that there should be surrenders of some reserves in British Columbia than of reserves in Northwest—953. If rights of Indians were extinguished by purchase would they have right of reversionary interest? Is that a statute or a decision of the courts?—954.

*Herron, John (Alberta)—955.*

In western country all recognize the importance of government keeping faith with Indians; would like minister to take case of Cardston into consideration when he is considering other Indian reservations—955.

*Lake, R. S. (Qu'Appelle)—947.*

People in section of Crooked Lakes Indian reserve are most anxious that position of reserve should be placed on market; existence of such a large tract, absolutely undeveloped, lying in old district on original main line of Canadian Pacific Railway is great drawback to progress of country—947-8. Would like to hear minister say that immediate effort would be made with regard to this particular reserve, because it has been hanging fire so long—951.

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*McCarthy, M. S. (Calgary)—951.*

Would like to know what action has been taken by department to obtain consent to surrender of Indians on Sarcee reserve. Did the department offer to negotiate with other Indians at same time? Have not surrenders been obtained from Indians or reserves further north?—952. What is the name of officer who negotiated with Sarcee Indians in February last? Who negotiated for reserve close to Edmonton? Has not a reserve been surrendered in vicinity of Edmonton within last two years?—960.

*Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—950.*

If it becomes a question between Indians and whites, the interests of whites will have to be provided for; very glad leader of opposition has drawn attention to it—950. Can assure hon. member (Mr. M. S. McCarthy) that at very first opportunity negotiations will be resumed with Indians on Sarcee reservation—952. There have been no surrenders in British Columbia in recent years. Might be worth while considering whether the terms in Indian Act might be somewhat relaxed; better move in that direction than adopt the somewhat drastic suggestion of expropriation—954. Understands that contention of British Columbia government is that whenever a reservation becomes vacant for any reason they then take possession of land—955. Does not know if House is as much interested in Mr. Beck as hon. friend (Mr. Bennett) is—957. Arrangement being a lease and not a sale, it is not dealt with by statute—958. Has been no surrender in vicinity of Edmonton within past year—959.

*Turriff, J. G. (East Assiniboia)—949.*

For past two or three years every effort has been made to induce Indians to give up portion of reserve—949.

Triennial clothing, \$5237—943.

*Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—943.*

How much was paid for water-power sold to the Pulp Mill Co., known as the Imperial Pulp Mill Company in Sturgeon Falls? How much was paid for the twenty-five acres or the quantity of land that went along with the water-power, by this company? Who acted on behalf of Indians in sale?—943. What lawyer or counsel acted for Indians in contract that was drawn up?—944. Understands payments are \$1,000 each year; if no interest was paid by company, Indians would still be paid 3 per cent on their money—945.

*Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—943.*

Does not see how item should be so much larger for nine months. Is clothing given every three years?—943.

*Oliver, Hon. Frank (Minister of the Interior)—943.*

Reason of increase is because of greater number of Indian chiefs—943. Indian