

body, that the teachers will set a good example in conduct and demeanour to the pupils, and thereby be most likely to advance them towards civilization.

Mr. BARR. What percentage does the government pay in connection with the industrial schools and the boarding schools which, we are informed, are under some religious bodies?

Mr. OLIVER. The payment is not by percentage, but so much per pupil. The government pays so much per pupil to the church which takes the responsibility of carrying on the educational institution, and the church has to provide whatever other money is required. The Elkhorn industrial school is carried on at the direct cost of the Indian Department. The other industrial and boarding schools are carried on by the various churches, and we contribute so much per pupil. I think we are in this way contributing from 50 to 60 per cent of the cost of carrying them on.

Mr. BARR. Can any religious body open up those schools and carry them on, or must it first get the government's sanction?

Mr. OLIVER. As we have conducted the business of Indian education so far, whenever any religious body had a mission established amongst the Indians or had acquired authority among them and was sufficiently interested and strong enough to establish a school, they would get permission to do so and they would get the grant per pupil just the same as any other.

Mr. SMYTH. Might I ask if it is the intention of the government to allow the construction by the Ontario government through the Indian lands of a trunk road between Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury? The hon. minister will remember that last year a large deputation from Sault Ste. Marie interviewed the government on this subject. The Ontario government have spent a large sum of money already in the construction of that road, but they cannot pass through the Indian reserve lying between Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury. I would like to know if it is the intention of the government to enable the Ontario government to complete that much-needed work by giving them the right to pass through the Indian reserve?

Mr. OLIVER. A number of the municipalities interested in the construction of the trunk road through Algoma interviewed the government on the subject last year, and it was explained to the deputation that it would be necessary for anybody desiring to build this road to let us know by a survey where they wanted the road to be, and that when we were informed on that point, we would take the matter up with the Indians with a view to securing a right of way through the reserve. So far as I am aware,

we have never yet been furnished with the information that would enable us to take the matter up with the Indians, who of course are the owners of the land, and must be dealt with as any other owners would be for a right of way across their property.

Mr. SMYTH. As a matter of fact, I know that the surveys have been made, and I understood that the Minister of Public Works of Ontario had been in communication with the Department of Indian Affairs and had sent them the survey and plans of the right of way. Perhaps I have been misinformed.

Mr. OLIVER. So far as I am aware, we have not yet received the plans. As soon as we receive them, we shall be prepared at once to take up the question with the Indians and if possible secure the right of way. I shall be able to say on another day whether we have received the plans or not.

At six o'clock House took recess.

After Recess.

House resumed at eight o'clock.

PRIVATE BILLS.

CANADIAN WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

House in committee on Bill (No. 11) to incorporate the Canadian Western Railway Company—Mr. Pardee.

On section 7:

Mr. HERRON. When this Bill was in committee yesterday I omitted having a clause inserted which will make a very slight difference to the conditions of the Bill. I beg to move:

That in subsection (a), line 5, after the word 'meridian' there be added the words 'passing through the town of Pincher Creek.'

This has been agreed to by the promoters of the Bill and a marked Bill has been put in the possession of the chairman, agreed to and initialled by them. Pincher Creek is two and a half miles from the railway station and in exact line with the contour of the proposed railway.

Mr. GRAHAM. If the promoters of the Bill have agreed I have no objection.

Mr. HERRON. They have agreed.

Mr. GRAHAM. My hon. friend will remember that we discussed it a little yesterday, and one of the gentlemen interested said that he was willing to leave it to the Minister of Railways. I have no objection.

Mr. HERRON. The solicitor in charge has initialled this amendment and it is agreed to by all parties concerned.

Amendment agreed to.