

"(3) that the said encroachments are viewed by the people as oppressive and create a feeling of discontent and distrust against the Government?"

"(b) Will the Government be pleased to make thorough enquiry into the matter and take such steps as may be deemed necessary to put a stop to such encroachments in future and to remedy those already made whether after the cadastral survey or prior to that survey but within the period of limitation?"

The Hon'ble Mr. Sifton replied :—

"Government have made enquiry and ascertained that within the last two years and a half no complaints of the kind suggested in this question have been made. Any person who considers himself aggrieved in this way should make his complaint in the first place to the Chairman of the Board.

"As a matter of fact it is the District and Local Boards which have most cause for complaint. Private individuals are constantly encroaching upon lands pertaining to the public roads by surreptitiously removing boundary marks and ploughing up road-side lands a little at a time or building over them by slow and often imperceptible degrees."

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Nurul Hasan asked :—

"Will the Government be pleased to state when the Bill regarding adulteration of *ghi* and other articles of diet is likely to be introduced in the Legislative Council?"

Introduction of the Food Adulteration Bill in the Legislative Council.

The Hon'ble Mr. Sifton replied :—

"The Local Government have completed the draft of the Food Adulteration Bill and expect to introduce it into Council early in the next session."

The Hon'ble Khan Bahadur Maulavi Saiyid Ahmad Husain, on behalf of the Hon'ble Khan Bahadur Khwaja Muhammad Nur, asked :—

"Will the Government be pleased to state the stage of the scheme for the reorganization of the subordinate Civil Veterinary Service referred to in the annual report of that department for the year 1915-16?"

The stage of the scheme for the reorganization of the Civil Veterinary Department.

The Hon'ble Mr. Tanner replied :—

"The scheme was referred to the Government of India and certain details are now under reconsideration by the Local Government as a result of that reference. The sanction of the Secretary of State will be required before the scheme is brought into force."

The Hon'ble Mr. Saiyid Muhammad Naim asked :—

"(1) (a) In view of the fact that the members of the Subordinate Executive Service are as competent as and have to do almost the same kind of work as members of the Provincial Civil Service (Executive Branch), do the Government contemplate bettering the prospects of the members of the said service in the near future?"

Prospects of the Subordinate Executive Service.

"(b) (1) Is it a fact that there is a rule that after attaining 40 years of age members of the Subordinate Executive Service are not ordinarily promoted to the Provincial Civil Service?"

"(2) If so, does not this rule operate as a great hardship in several cases and is it not likely to impair the efficiency of the service?"

"(3) Do the Government contemplate abolishing this prohibitory rule?"

The Hon'ble Mr. McPherson replied :—

"(a) It is not the case that the Subordinate Executive Service is recruited to do the same work as the Provincial Service or that the officers of the two services are on an average equally competent."