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The Seminole census, preparatory to making the final rolls of citizens, was taken by the Dawes Commission some two years ago, under which the Commission was then proceeding there was no provision for closing the rolls, as persons were continually dying and being born. Upon the suggestion of the Commission the Seminoles made a supplementary treaty providing that their allotment rolls should be closed and made as of Jan. 1, 1900. The agreement was drawn and signed by commissioners upon the part of the United States and the Seminole Nation. It was transmitted to Washington and ratified by the last Congress and later by a vote of the Seminole people. It is under this agreement that the Dawes commission is proceeding to close the roll.

The work is conducted by calling together before the Dawes Commission the fourteen head men throughout the Seminole Nation, known as town kings. It is the duty of these men to look after the people in each community and attend to their enrollment annuities, and, in fact, guard and protect all their interests in