

Mr. MATTHEWS: I think every effort should be made to have two meetings on Tuesday, since I understand Major MacKay does not want to remain too long in the east.

The CHAIRMAN: Is it your wish then to have two meetings on Tuesday and none on Thursday?

Mr. MATTHEWS: I think we can quite properly leave that to the chairman, at least so far as I am concerned, but with that end in view.

The CHAIRMAN: Of course, what we are trying to do is accommodate the members of this committee.

Mr. MATTHEWS: Let us accommodate Mr. MacKay and let him get back home.

The CHAIRMAN: I would like an expression of opinion. I will put it this way; do you want to meet twice on Tuesday and once on Thursday?

Mr. MACNICOL: I am not going to oppose it because I want to help as much as I can; on the other hand, you will realize yourself that there is a much heavier responsibility falling on opposition members than on government members. All government members have to do is follow the cabinet, and the cabinet are the committee of the House. The opposition members have to meet quite frequently to get ready for sessions in the House, and there are not very many of us available at any time.

The CHAIRMAN: Very, very effective, though.

Mr. MACNICOL: We try to do our best. I am prepared to go so far as consenting to two meetings next Tuesday, but from then on I would not like any twice a day meetings to be held.

The CHAIRMAN: It is a matter for the committee to decide and I would like to have an expression of opinion. We want to get really into our work.

Mr. CASE: I think we should sit twice next Tuesday and get on with our work.

Mr. BLACKMORE: Does not the matter depend on how extensive is the work we are supposed to do, whether or not we are to carry on after the session closes? As I understand it, we are not to finish by the time parliament closes.

The CHAIRMAN: There is no hope of that. We have no desire to complete our work and make a final report before the closing of the present session.

Mr. CHARLTON: Would it be possible to carry on after the session closes?

The CHAIRMAN: That has not been determined; a recommendation will possibly be made by the subcommittee to this committee.

Mr. BLACKMORE: If there is no urgency about the matter—

The CHAIRMAN: I would not say there is no urgency, because as we get into this matter we want to try and find out how extensive it is. We could probably spend several years on the study of this matter, all about Indian affairs, but we will have to have some termination. That is why we are so desirous of having things done systematically and orderly.

Mr. BLACKMORE: I would personally prefer not to have meetings in the afternoon because they interfere with parliamentary work.

The CHAIRMAN: We are all agreed on that.

Mr. BLACKMORE: We want to get this work done and it will take some time.

The CHAIRMAN: What is your pleasure, gentlemen, with respect to the suggestion made of two meetings on Tuesday and one on Thursday. Would you like to move an amendment to that?

Mr. BLACKMORE: I think that would be satisfactory.