

amount you have quoted me, or that Mr. Low has quoted me, I would say you cannot keep up your proper representation of this country. I think there should be something done about it. To ask parliamentarians to represent us at another place and be out of pocket when they are representing Canada is something to think about. If one cannot take his place properly without being out of pocket, I think it is a disgrace. The days when representation in Parliament was based on the fact that the only people who could go were people who could afford to go, have been dead twenty-five years, and yet this is a sample of what has been going on. These people are working for Canada. They should get an honorarium or something corresponding to the position they occupy. I think we are wrong on this.

Mr. MURRAY: I would say, Mr. Chairman, it would be a very good policy if it could be arranged for all members of this House of Commons to visit the United Nations sometime or other during the session. If I might just add a word, it is a very dramatic picture. I have been there as a private citizen and I must say it is a thrilling thing to see all these representatives from all the nations struggling there to do some great work.

The CHAIRMAN: Hear, hear.

Mr. MURRAY: We cannot support their efforts well here unless we see the United Nations in operation. It would cost very little even individually to hire a bus and go down there and see the United Nations in operation.

Mr. BENIDICKSON: During the last parliament such members of this committee as chose to go did go on a visit to the United Nations through arrangements made by our chairman, and I was one of those who did choose to go, and anybody on the committee could have gone. Some were not able to go but I certainly can say that my understanding of the scope and the importance of the United Nations was tremendously enlarged as a result of what I could see with my own eyes.

Mr. LEGER: You had to pay your own expenses?

Mr. BENIDICKSON: We had our passes to the border.

The CHAIRMAN: It was quite an experience. As chairman of the committee at the time I knew it would be impossible to have such an undertaking passed by parliament, and rightly so, that we should go as a body to see the United Nations. It was put up to our committee and we decided that those who could afford to go could go and as Mr. Murray said, it was a marvellous experience and Mr. Benidickson and others who went will bear me out. We had to go at our own expense; it was the only way we could have gone. As chairman, I was against it from the start but I was almost put in the position that I would have to resign unless somebody went at the time. It was a trip well worth while. We were wonderfully received by Mr. Lie and his assistants and Mr. Pearson who was then head of the Canadian delegation to the United Nations, and all doors were wide open to every one of us.

Mr. BENIDICKSON: I was there last Easter and saw the new building and I can testify that having been at Lake Success one gets an entirely new impression now that they are installed in the new offices. One can see the plans for the completion of the assembly rooms.

Mr. FRASER: I do not think it would be fair to overlook the work done by our secretary on our visit in New York. Our secretary made a good job of it.

Mr. BENIDICKSON: He performed his duties exceedingly well.

Mr. STICK: That is somewhat different from what I am talking about, Mr. Chairman. I am speaking of representation from parliament, not trips to the United Nations.