

the Indians would give a degree of confidence to the Indians in the thought that their cases would be properly presented. So, having that in mind, we saw this gentleman this morning and we were impressed with him because he seemed to know just exactly what we require. So we discussed it fully with him. He is a practising lawyer and he would have to devote perhaps two, three, or four days a week to the work of this committee.

The first requisite is that we get in touch with Indian bands and endeavour to arrange the representations to be made from the different provinces, for them to come here with their representatives and make their contributions to the committee's deliberations. The offer which we made, after discussing it, was that in the light of the fact that he was a practising lawyer and that his expenses would be still running on in his own business, we thought of a fee of \$50 a day with expenses.

The CHAIRMAN: No, no, that does not as yet come before us at all.

Hon. Mr. GLEN: We made an offer to him that is satisfactory. If we get the power to employ counsel and do engage this man he would then immediately get in touch with the different organizations throughout the Dominion and endeavour to have the evidence brought to us in a form that would be of value to the Indians and to the committee.

Mr. CASE: Do you mean to say that he will present petitions or representations on behalf of all the Indians?

Hon. Mr. GLEN: No, no.

Mr. CASE: Then the Indians will still be privileged to make their own complaints?

Hon. Mr. GLEN: Yes, but he will assist them.

The CHAIRMAN: He will be a representative of all the Indians and will work with the representatives of their various bands.

Mr. CASE: Would he speak on their behalf whether he approved or not of the representations?

Hon. Mr. GLEN: We have not got as far as that, Mr. Case. I would say that he would be counsel before this committee and would be a liaison officer between this committee and the Indians.

Mr. REID: I think we should exercise a little care. Speaking about the Pacific-Coast Indians, they have, for some years, I believe, had a counsel of their own, a lawyer who appeared in disputes between the Indians; and I think this committee had better be careful that it does not start an argument between counsel on behalf of the Indians. I can easily see where Indians would want to come down here and camp, and I feel there should be someone to control them; but we should be careful in starting any negotiations with a lawyer, even at \$50 a day. We do not want to have lawyers arguing here all the time, while we are debating policies. I do not think we would need such counsel right at the very beginning.

The CHAIRMAN: As I understand it, this solicitor or counsel will really be a liaison officer. It will be he who will channel all of these various bands and organizations and representations before this committee. It would be his job to act as counsel.

Mr. RICHARD: That would not preclude any particular band having their special counsel come here?

The CHAIRMAN: No, as I have said if anybody wants to come in and bring counsel and pay for his own counsel—

Mr. MacNICOL: Apparently the counsel that the steering committee have in mind has already been here.