

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, and it is pressing and something we ought to do right away. It is more important than ever that we get things moving right now. We could do something constructive in that way, and really show the Indian community that we mean to help them, not just simply a series of platitudes.

Mr. BARNETT: This would mean more for the Caughnawaga and St. Regis than anything else. I mean the broad questions about improved educational facilities and better recreational facilities. This will not happen overnight.

The CHAIRMAN: In other words, this committee wants to know the facts, and it is not a cover-up for any deficiencies that the Indians are talking about. We want to know about the problems.

Mr. DINSDALE: The land problem is not only with the St. Lawrence Seaway; there is also—

Mr. BARNETT: I was absolutely flabbergasted when I heard about the big four-lane highway to go through the Caughnawaga reserve. I asked them what kind of compensation they got for the taking of this land for the highway. They said they had not received anything; that they have never had a cent for any of these highways or the railway. This threw a new light on the fact that they had been holding up the highway that goes to the end of the reserve and cuts in.

The CHAIRMAN: I do not know, but perhaps the committees that sat in the past took so long finding out what the problems were that Parliament ended before they could find a solution, and I am afraid that we are going to go in the same direction.

Mr. DINSDALE: Let us get going in the new session.

Mr. BARNETT: The Indian Affairs Committee, I think, has sat only very periodically, and usually on a specific reference to proposed amendments—

The CHAIRMAN: Perhaps this has been a very useful meeting.

An hon. MEMBER: We cannot sit while the House is sitting, can we?

The CHAIRMAN: No, but maybe out of courtesy to Dr. Haidasz we might wait a minute. Do you have a question Mr. Dinsdale? Or is it a secret what you have to do before the House?

Mr. BARNETT: Does this really require a formal motion?

The CHAIRMAN: Would you call Dr. Haidasz in. Gentlemen:

May I have a motion approving the report that the subcommittee made on the St. Regis and Caughnawaga reservations?

Moved by Dr. Haidasz, seconded by Mr. Reid that the report be approved as drafted and made to the House.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. BARNETT: I would move that the Chairman seek to arrange for a meeting, after the Easter recess and prior to prorogation of the current session, with the St. Lawrence Seaway authorities with respect to outstanding claims by people of St. Regis and Caughnawaga.