

Hon. Mr. CLAXTON: Well, there is really no limit to the amount of money that could be spent, if we were to provide services which would be accepted as being ideal; because, that might include provision, let us say, of three or four full-time aeroplanes, and of a ship, a hospital ship. Now, as soon as you go in for transportation equipment of that character, you run into sums of money which are not only large in proportion to the 125,000 Indians and 7,700 Eskimos, but which are really very large sums of money in themselves; so it is quite hard to make an estimate of cost in relation to the general nature of the service and the standard of service that is to be provided. I should say this: that the amount we seek in the estimates for this year, \$4,103,390, is virtually all the money that we could usefully spend this next year. I suppose, theoretically, if we had \$5,000,000 or \$6,000,000 to spend that year, we could spend it; but there is a very great shortage of doctors and a very great shortage of nurses, and also a very great shortage of building or construction materials. I doubt very much if we could spend, in a sensible way—in a planned way—very much more money than we have provided for in the estimates this year. Now, by the time we come to the preparation of the estimates for 1947-48 which will take place around November, we will have had six months more experience in the work with this service, and we will have, in addition, the advantage of discussions and possibly the report of this committee.

The CHAIRMAN: You will hardly have a final report by then.

Hon. Mr. CLAXTON: But we will be in a better position to give consideration to the figures, and to prepare a program of development for the future.

Mr. BRYCE: I would like to suggest that the honourable Mr. Claxton's department give each member of this committee a copy of the report of the work that was done at Norway House; it shows the difficulties and it shows also the need. That was the report in connection with a foundation in New York. Part of it appeared in some of the medical journals, and some of it appeared in the *Saturday Evening Post*. (Appendix "F")

Hon. Mr. CLAXTON: We have copies of that and we will be glad to make them available at once to the members of the committee. It is a very interesting report.

The CHAIRMAN: Could you give them to the clerk of the committee and he will circulate them to the members?

Hon. Mr. CLAXTON: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: We do not want to get too far away from our present plan of having the general picture first; so, if you would hold any further questions for the honourable Mr. Claxton, I think we might proceed with other business.

Mr. MACNICOL: You do not want the honourable Mr. Claxton to be questioned now?

The CHAIRMAN: No, I wish to express the appreciation of the committee to the honourable Mr. Claxton for coming here to-day and giving us his submission, and I can assure him that it will be given consideration and that we will be pleased to have him come back later to answer the few questions which may arise.

Now we will have a short recess.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall we proceed, gentlemen?

Mr. CASE: Mr. Chairman, just before we proceed, with your permission, I would like to make one observation to which we might probably give some thought later on. With reference to appendix "E", the second paragraph, referring to the *Nascopie*. I think that the department might improve its efficiency if it gave consideration to a proper ship, now that ships are available,