

Morley, but I am inclined to think that the accommodation at Morley of 100 is reasonably adequate, Mr. Ross, or I would have heard about it.

Mr. MACNICOL: It runs in my head that when I was there last summer there were 104, but that is subject to correction.

Mr. HOEY: That is the only answer I can make.

Mr. ROSS (*Calgary East*): There are supposed to be 153 pupils there, and under the Indian Act there is compulsory school attendance.

Mr. HOEY: Yes.

Mr. ROSS (*Calgary East*): And yet these other 53 are not attending school, apparently.

The CHAIRMAN: What do you base your figures on? Have you got that?

Mr. HOEY: That is the census.

Mr. MACINNES: That figure is correct.

Mr. HOEY: I explained that, Mr. Ross. When our census enumerator goes in, an R.C.M.P. man or whoever he may be, he has got to attach all Indians that nominally belong to the Morley band to that agency. There may be 50 of them living in Edmonton.

Mr. ROSS (*Calgary East*): But have you made inquiries with regard to this other 53, as to why they are not in school? Or has that matter been followed up by the department?

Mr. HOEY: It will be followed up now. This is the first time it was brought to our attention. As I said before, we have had no requests. We know how anxious the churches are to accommodate pupils. They are down here every month.

Mr. ROSS (*Calgary East*): But up to the present it has not been followed up?

The CHAIRMAN: It has not been brought to their attention.

Mr. ROSS (*Calgary East*): No. But I would think that the department would look into these things, and that if they saw there were 100 children in school and 153 on the reserve, the department would follow that matter up.

Mrs. NIELSEN: Suppose some of those parents from the reserve go into St. Thomas or into London; they take their children, presumably. Are those children able to go into the ordinary public schools?

Mr. HOEY: Yes.

Mrs. NIELSEN: You should be able to arrive at the exact figures by the enrolment of pupils.

Mr. HOEY: No. Only when they ask us for tuition fees. You will find the average city, town or village very kindly disposed towards Indian families living in their midst. When they go into Sarnia, the Sarnia School Board may meet and say, "We have 26 Indians from the Caradoc reserve attending our schools and causing congestion in our class rooms. It is not fair to our own taxpayers." They may ask us for a tuition fee. But in a city like Brantford or London or some of the larger places, they are glad to have them. Their parents are working there. We have no track of them. These are very unusual times in which we are living. If we kept or attempted to keep a close check on all the Indians who are living off reserves, we could not do it. Our senior school at Caughnawaga was burned three years ago. I think it had twelve rooms. It was a huge building. We experienced the utmost difficulty in getting accommodation for the pupils immediately following the destruction of the school by fire. Do you know that there are so many of these Indians absent from the reserves now, probably in the United States, that we have accommodation for all the children offering. The times in which we are living are so unusual that you have to be careful in handling these figures.