

know that since then two teams from the Company of Young Canadians have gone in there and made certain investigations.

A trip of the kind which I have in mind and with which Mr. Orange, I may say, is in agreement, would involve a preparation of several weeks. You could go into Hay River by commercial aircraft, but into Fox Lake and some of the other reserves, such as Chipewyan and Hay Lake and so on, you would need small aircraft. It would have to be arranged well in advance.

I think that the time to go to a place like that is in the winter when conditions are at their worst, to see just what the facts are and to talk to the people at that time. It would take some arranging, and I would suggest, if it can be done, the division into the various subcommittees as soon as possible, and that the members indicate their preference and try to arrange these trips; and possibly let the members of the subcommittees come to some conclusions rather than have some of us, who may not be able to participate, or to go to the same meetings, try to influence the course of events on which they may, themselves, have come to a decision. This is my suggestion.

Mr. BARNETT: Mr. Chairman, I think it should be obvious from the outset that—at least not while any of us are still alive—this Committee is not going to visit all of the reserves in Canada.

It does seem to me that there are two questions here. One is the matter of the procedure of the Committee, and the other, as I see it, is a matter, of the policy approach that the Committee might take. I think one of the first questions on which we should come to some understanding is how many functioning subcommittees of the Committee can be established and how many members are available and willing to go on these trips. The second thing, I think, is that we should recognize the wide variety of problems that the Indian people have and the great differences that there are in different regions of the country and attempt to make an intelligent selection by what I might call the use of a sampling technique; in other words, that we would visit reserves where problems seem to be most imminent, or in such a manner as to give the subcommittees, and through them, the full Committee, a broader perspective on what is required as far as the Indian people are concerned.

I have no quarrel with the suggestion that the first subcommittee visit be made to the reserves mentioned, which are fairly easily accessible, but I do think that we should have some thought of the practicalities of planning the kind of visits about which Mr. Baldwin has been talking, which involve more in the way of logistics, and also more in the way of the length of time away from Parliament Hill.

I would suggest that we decide now either to come to a decision on the number of subcommittees, or request the Committee on Agenda and Procedure to decide on the creation of one, two or three subcommittees, whatever might seem appropriate.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Barnett. Mr. More.

Mr. MORE (*Regina City*): I had a similar idea. I was going to talk about the Committee on Agenda and Procedure, and I presume that is a steering committee, so called, to which you are referring?