

Mr. CHARLTON: As it happens, I know the gentleman in question personally, and I feel he would be capable of doing this job. As I understand it, he would be a liaison officer between this committee and the various Indian bands all across the dominion, not acting in an official capacity for any particular Indian group, but rather as a liaison officer, arranging the meetings, and arranging those bands to be represented here. I am not prepared to say anything about salary, whether it is fair or not; but as I understand it, he would be paid \$50; that is the suggested pay, while in Ottawa, or while at committee meetings. It would necessitate him being here more than just simply the days when the committee meets.

The CHAIRMAN: My understanding is that it would be for the days when he is in Ottawa, as certified by the chairman.

Mr. CHARLTON: That would probably mean more days than the committee actually meets?

The CHAIRMAN: Oh yes.

Mr. CHARLTON: But he would not be paid for his time while travelling back and forth?

The CHAIRMAN: Well he should be paid a certain amount in the way of expenses.

Mr. CHARLTON: But would he be paid for his time while engaged in travelling back and forth?

The CHAIRMAN: Oh, no; I would not think that.

Hon. Mr. GLEN: If you do not do this, then, what are you going to do? It would be impossible for either the chairman or the secretary of the committee to deal with these matters because they have a full time job; so, if you do not do it this way, how are you going to get all the evidence properly prepared and presented to the committee? As you know, and as I have already stated, I want to see that representations are made from every point of view from every part of Canada. This committee could no more refuse somebody in the Northwest Territories who had a point of view to present—this committee could not refuse him coming here to give his evidence before this committee; but the thought in the mind of the subcommittee was this: let us have some orderly way in which the evidence can be presented. Let this officer arrange as Mr. Case has said, perhaps by provinces, for all who wish to come here and who wish to have their own counsel represent them. There was no thought in the mind of the subcommittee that this gentleman should make the actual presentation for anyone. But there is one feature of it, though; that, as a lawyer, as he is, we would need his assistance with regard to the amendments that are to be made to the Indian Act after all the evidence has been given. The Act must be amended. He would be of value to us in interpreting the views and the wishes of Indians. That is one feature of it. But I do not see how it is possible that this committee can function properly unless we have some persons who will receive the requests of the Indians or other organizations, and arrange for the time when they should come to Ottawa. A suggestion was made today—that if they wished to have counsel present their cases, we must hear them; but whether we should pay them or not, is a matter for this committee to decide, that is, whether we should pay for the counsel for all the Indian bands who may wish to send counsel here.

But there is no intention that this man should act as counsel, as the advocate, of any particular band; but he would be the person to arrange that all organizations of every kind, Indian organizations and otherwise—because there will be others—will come at a certain time, and this committee will be able to hear them and consider their evidence. That is the sole intention of it. If you do not do that, what would you do?