

Senator SMITH (*Kamloops*): I have two or three questions, inspired by the interest of many of us who are considering Indian Affairs in another committee. I am wondering if there are Indian reserves incorporated in these areas, under these Authorities. There must be some.

Mr. RICHARDSON: There are some, but they have no membership on the Authority.

The CHAIRMAN: There is no benefit from this program accruing to the reserves?

Mr. RICHARDSON: Are you familiar with the Saugeen reserve up near Southampton, in Bruce county?

Senator HORNER: Might not some benefit accrue to them?

Senator SMITH (*Kamloops*): The act says, "municipalities", and I do not know whether an India reserve is a municipality.

Senator HORNER: Supposing in your scheme to prevent flooding and land waste you plant trees. If there is an Indian reserve in the vicinity surely they will receive the taxpayer's money.

Senator SMITH (*Kamloops*): It seems to me there is room for the integration of these programs that would greatly benefit and relieve the problems which the Department of Indian Affairs is facing. So far they have not played a part, the same as the municipalities generally?

Mr. RICHARDSON: No.

Senator GLADSTONE: Mr. Chairman, we want to commend the Ontario government, because, in some cases, as far as welfare benefits are concerned, they have classified the reserve as part of the municipality. I learn from the reports and my own visit to the Ontario Deputy Minister of Welfare that there are 30 reserves now benefitting the same as does a municipality regarding welfare fund distribution; and the department is doing a good job. However, I am just wondering whether in every case where you have organizations studying land use, there could be included in their survey a study as to the best use the land on reserves could be put to?

Mr. RICHARDSON: Up to a point we do that, but as I mentioned in my summary, when it comes to active or big programs of land use the Authority has not a large staff, and they must fall back on the larger departments of government. For instance, they get the Department of Agriculture to help them.

The CHAIRMAN: Do you find the co-operation between the four departments you have mentioned is well established now?

Mr. RICHARDSON: I would say so, yes. Take the construction of highways, for instance. Incidentally, this brief was prepared a couple of months ago and I apologize for not having checked certain items in it. I wanted to omit the reference to the federal Government not contributing to any scheme costing less than \$5 million. Yesterday I was at Parkhill with the Honourable Mr. Thomas from Western Ontario, representing the Federal Government. I learned from him that the federal Government is contributing to the cost of a dam project for which the total cost is only \$1 million. In this particular case the Department of Highways of Ontario is going to re-route the provincial highway over the top of the dam, thus combining the two projects and, in lieu of constructing a bridge for the highway, it is contributing \$248,000 to the cost of construction of the dam. So that is pretty good co-operation.

Senator SMITH (*Kamloops*): In the second paragraph of your summary headed "Financing", you say: "Grants are made by the Ontario Government to all types of conservation schemes except maintenance. Grants are a matter of policy and may change from year to year." Does that refer to Ontario, or both the federal Government and the provincial Government?