

The CHAIRMAN: That could be done at another time.

Mr. HOWARD: Perhaps. Now, this is not a suggestion of an alteration; it is a critique of what is before us, and if we can work it out a different way, fine. But I just do not think we should go through these reserves like a brush fire.

Mr. WATSON (*Châteauguay-Huntingdon-Laprairie*): Caughnawaga has been looked at and examined by more people and by more social scientists, and by more Indians and people who are interested in Indians, than any other reserve in this country. It has been done every year back to about 1800 at least. I would suggest that Caughnawaga has its problems, and they are different in many respects from the problems of other Indian reserves in the country because they are problems relating to its proximity to Montreal. The problems of Caughnawaga are not the type you are going to find in many other reserves, and therefore it is fairly unique in this sense.

I would respectfully suggest that members of the Committee can learn in three hours at Caughnawaga what they can learn in eight or ten hours at Caughnawaga, and I would suggest that one way of doing what Mr. Howard has hit upon here is this. He is suggesting that we are not spending enough time in some of the other reserves. If the Committee arrives in Caughnawaga at 10.00 in the morning, and then takes the Rapido to Toronto and then onwards in the afternoon they can leave Caughnawaga at one or two in the afternoon and get up to Toronto and London early in the evening even on Friday the 24th, and then spend the whole morning at the Oneida reserve and spend more time at the Caradoc reserve in the afternoon. You can save a whole morning there. Quite frankly, I do not think that the Committee is going to benefit a great deal by staying five additional hours in Caughnawaga. There are a certain number of things you can see, and you meet the local people there. It seems a bit senseless to me to spend 12 or 15 hours, or so, in Caughnawaga and only a very few hours with some of these other reserves that have more problems than Caughnawaga.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Crossman.

Mr. CROSSMAN: The gentleman was stating that with sufficient time on this schedule, it would be possible to leave on—

The CHAIRMAN: To leave on Thursday.

Mr. CROSSMAN: That is right, that would give us sufficient time.

Mr. ROXBURGH: Well, what is the reason? Might we want to see the reserves in Quebec. The original idea was that we would get to the different reserves and the different provinces. In Western Canada we might even work in two when we are out there because of the distance. Why do we need to go to Caughnawaga at all now? Mr. Howard has certainly brought up a very important matter. The Six Nations Indian reserve is one of the largest there is in Canada, and takes in exactly as it says, six nations. I think we could do Caughnawaga when we are doing Quebec, on a different set-up entirely.

The CHAIRMAN: One thing I want to point out to you is that time is now of the essence. All the arrangements have now been made for Friday. I would suggest that naturally if we come before any group such as this and suggest a