

The CHAIRMAN: What meeting are you referring to, is that the one Saturday?

Mr. HOWARD: On Saturday, right, from 12.35 to 1.45; this is a period of an hour that we will spend with the council at Oneida, and an hour does not afford very much time to do a great deal, really. Then we leave there and we spend another hour the same day with the Chipewyan-Muncey councils, and leave there and spend another hour that day, from 4.00 to 5.00 o'clock, with the Moravian council. And the next day, Sunday, is not much better. It gives us an hour or an hour and a half with the Sarnia people; a maximum of three hours at the outside with Walpole Island, and a maximum of an hour and a half at Kettle Point. On Monday we have a maximum of about four and a half hours at the outside at Christian Island—

Mr. WATSON (*Châteauguay-Huntingdon-Laprairie*): I think Mr. Howard has a point, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. HOWARD: If I do, I will let it rest at that. The point is, it would be an insult really to the native people to go charging in to a place and say "here we are for an hour and how are you" and talk with the council and have lunch in one or two cases, and then say goodbye. We will not see anything and we will leave behind a very bad flavour. You must remember that native people have a bad enough feeling about the Indian affairs and about government in Ottawa as it is, without us compounding it, and I would suggest that what we should do is that if at Caughnawaga eight to ten hours is satisfactory fine. I for one would be prepared that once we get to Oneida to stay there—if this is the first place we get to—for as long as is necessary to gain what information we feel is desired, and to make it look like we are not just racing through on a week end trip. I would like to see it completely revised to take into account that factor and if we are to spend Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday there, that we visit one place a day.

The CHAIRMAN: Before you make a suggestion I just want to point out one thing, I discussed this very point with Mr. Bell just a few minutes ago. There are two factors here. Number one, this Committee has to be back for November 29, because many members of this Committee are on the Northern Affairs committee, and this particular trip—unless we abandon the trip for the moment—has to be back here by the 29th. Number two, I said to Mr. Bell, "would it not be better to spend more time in one community as opposed to going to many communities and spending no time to speak of". And he said "well if you are in this vicinity and you visit the ones next to it or in the immediate proximity of it, you have alienated the affections of those that you have not visited".

Mr. HOWARD: Well, then, we would be better off to spend two or three days in the Caradoc agency if that is the case—

I have got another point which I did not get to. When the subcommittee met the other day with Mr. Battle, he made some suggestions that we might visit, and he mentioned a couple of other places, and I have special reference to the one at Brantford, the Six Nations reserve. To bypass this would be extremely bad, even as much as going right by and over or through the place or fairly close to it.