

want to have at least eighteen Indians sitting around the table rather than to have a man who would bring them in from the different provinces as required then you will have to get an Indian to do that.

Mr. REID: If you believe in a democracy, you must believe that this committee has the power to bring things before it and that we have the right to discuss them.

The CHAIRMAN: This committee has no power to engage counsel. We have not the authority from the House or from the Senate to engage counsel. We will have to make a recommendation in our next report to the House of Commons and to the Senate for permission to engage counsel.

Mr. MACNICOL: At \$50 a day? I would not be in favour of any such thing at all.

The CHAIRMAN: The fee would be a matter which would have to be referred to the steering committee to be considered, to be decided—

Mr. MACNICOL: This committee will decide that.

The CHAIRMAN: The steering committee is merely an off-shoot of this committee.

Mr. MACNICOL: That is so; and when you said that the steering committee would decide it, I interjected that it would be this committee which would decide it.

The CHAIRMAN: But there is nothing decided.

Mr. RICHARD: You have suggested \$50 a day?

The CHAIRMAN: Assuming that we do?

Mr. RICHARD: He might require a certain number of days in order to prepare material, before coming here. That is not counted as a day?

The CHAIRMAN: The days he would have to be in attendance in Ottawa; and, as I understand it, for the purposes of this committee's business; whatever decision is made, as to the charges or fee, you will have to be reasonable with the man. After all, if he is going to be leaving his own private practice his expenses will be going on whether he be in Ottawa or wherever he is, and as to that figure—I may tell you, the charges of counsel in the past have been from \$150 a day plus expenses down to—

Mr. MACNICOL: It is not much money, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. CASE: What knowledge would this man possess that we have not got access to through the Department of Indian Affairs? Would it not be better to proceed a little further and to clarify certain things first; then we might give consideration to the recommendation of the steering committee, after we have a little more knowledge before us, and we could see how far we can go? I cannot see where counsel at the meeting this morning would make any progress.

The CHAIRMAN: I do not get that?

Mr. CASE: I do not see where an Indian counsel appearing here this morning could make any contribution. I think we should first arrive at a place where we are seeking representations. If the various bands would make their representations through counsel, I think it would facilitate matters.

The CHAIRMAN: You will recall that there is the Castleden resolution before this committee that we have representatives from five different sections of Canada, Indians from the five different sections of Canada, to come here and to sit in on these meetings every day we meet. Now, arising out of that resolution, the steering committee did discuss the matter and they did come to the conclusion that it would be better to have one person as counsel to represent the Indians, and to be a liaison officer. He would not exactly be a counsel but rather a liaison officer between this committee and all the various organizations seeking representation.