

Mr. MACNICOL: If we are going to do it we should take it up before the frost comes.

Dr. MOORE: They are going to dismantle it in August unless some arrangement is made.

Mr. MACNICOL: The minister knows all about it?

Dr. MOORE: Yes, we have notified the minister's office regarding it. Of course, supposing we were to take that over tomorrow, we would be in a bad way as regards staffing it. It might be impossible to get a staff for it.

Mr. MACNICOL: You might have to put a caretaker in it for a year or two.

The CHAIRMAN: Any further questions?

Mrs. NIELSEN: I should like to ask a few more questions. I am sort of selfish to devote so much time to my part of the country, but I have had no opportunity to see the Indian people in the northern part of my riding because the only way of getting to it is by plane and I have had neither the money nor the time to get up there. I should like to know if you have any services up there at all? I know there are one or two Catholic missions up there. It is the extreme northwest corner of Saskatchewan.

Mr. MACNICOL: You have a doctor in Yellowknife who serves the reservations in east and west yellowknife. I was told he is a very excellent man but I suppose he has a town practice to look after.

Dr. MOORE: There are no facilities for travelling out where the Indians actually are.

Mr. MACNICOL: He would have to have a motor boat.

Dr. MOORE: The doctor at Yellowknife is not in our employ. We have a doctor at Resolution.

Mr. MACNICOL: I understood that the doctor at Yellowknife went out on the reservation?

Dr. MOORE: We pay him for services rendered. If he sees Indians we pay him.

Mr. MACNICOL: Is there a doctor on the reservation?

Dr. MOORE: No. This is in the northwest territories though that you are speaking of.

The CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Nielsen means in northern Saskatchewan.

Mr. MACNICOL: Mrs. Nielsen's riding does not go into the northwest territories.

The CHAIRMAN: The doctor is coming to that now.

Dr. MOORE: I must say on the whole our services there are inadequate. We have a doctor at Isle à la Crosse. He is a joint employee of the Department of Indian Affairs and the Saskatchewan government. We pay half his salary, and there is a mission hospital there. That is the only service north of Battleford.

Mrs. NIELSEN: What about Lac la Ronge?

Dr. MOORE: There is a nurse attached to the residential school at Lac la Ronge, and in various areas we give the missionaries a small stock of drugs and such first aid instructions as we can send out from here. I might say within the last four months Dr. Falconer and myself have completed a booklet that we have been complimented on. We tried to make it such that it would meet the problems of a dispenser on an Indian reservation. We put it in simple language, non-medical terms and called it "A Guide for Drug Dispensers". We sent that out, outlining in simple terms the treatment of ordinary sicknesses. One of our problems, of course, always is that someone sends in word of a seriously ill Indian, "Send an airplane at once". Too often somebody wants a ride out as much as the sick Indian.