

out there than we have down here, although I agree that the Six Nations Band is an extremely important band; but I would like to find out how this particular counsel was selected?

The CHAIRMAN: We have had representations from two in British Columbia.

Mr. MacNICOL: From two counsel?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, from two who were counsel here in 1926.

Mr. MATTHEWS: Is there any other legal man among the Indian tribes than this man from Brantford?

The CHAIRMAN: We know of none.

Mr. GARIEPY: I submit that, according to my motion, there seems to be a misunderstanding. I do not know who this counsel is, and I have had no say in his choice or selection. I would leave that to the steering committee to recommend. But this counsel would simply be a counsel for this committee in order to direct the kind of evidence and the matters that would be presented. This would not prevent any tribe or tribes from having counsel of their own.

I happen to know some Indians myself who are just banding together in order to have their own evidence submitted through a counsel whom they will select themselves. This particular work will be done in conjunction with the counsel that our committee will have here. We must have somebody to control the work of this committee from a legal standpoint, otherwise we may be sitting here for a year and not be more advanced than we are today.

Mr. REID: The chairman said a few minutes ago that this counsel would be engaged and then that any other Indians who wanted to do so could engage their own counsel at their own expense. Now, I am thinking about British Columbia. Would we be fair to such a counsel should we say to him: no, we do not need you.

The CHAIRMAN: There is as yet no decision on the \$50 a day. We are merely suggesting that.

Mr. REID: The figure was mentioned. I must have got it from the chair because I did not dream it up. That is why I say: we had better be careful before we decide.

Mr. BRYCE: There is nothing decided as yet. It is only a recommendation from the steering committee. Perhaps it is the Castleden motion which I seconded that has brought about this discussion; but I was only anxious to see that the Indians were represented from every province. We must endeavour to regain their confidence, and to show them that we really mean to give them that square deal that has been so much talked about before! We have had commissions who sat on this matter before but the Indians never got that square deal to which they are entitled.

The best way to convince the Indians that you are out to give them a square deal is to hire somebody from among themselves. This was the only Indian lawyer that I knew. This lawyer who is here this morning is not yet hired. It will be you gentlemen who will hire him, for the steering committee has not the power to bring somebody in, but merely to make suggestions to the committee. If it has not got power to make recommendations then there is no use in having a steering committee.

I think we should bring in an Indian who will give confidence to his band, for he belongs to a band. You can get lawyers from Winnipeg who have worked with Indian Affairs, and lawyers from all over the country; but here we have a bona fide Indian who has risen from the ranks of the Indians and who should be able to bring the different Indians together and make the various representations here. That would obviate what we said in the first place, that we wanted five representatives to sit in here all the time. Then it was suggested by the steering committee that there should be two from every province. Now, if you