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Proposed Yellowknife Survey

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The financing of this proposed survey was discussed with Mr. Sinclair on Friday last at a meeting which included Mr. Christie, Mr. LeCapelain and Mr. Lock. Mr. LeCapelain pointed out that the forest fires in the Mackenzie River basin had depleted their travel vote, but Mr. Sinclair stated that he was most anxious to have this survey carried out and that he was going to refer the matter to the Deputy Minister to obtain the necessary support. This has been done and I am told today that the Deputy Minister's wishes will be made known early next week.

Mr. Sinclair and Mr. Christie stressed the desirability of clearing this survey in full with Dr. Stanton before a complete party would go to Yellowknife. They suggested that a trip be made some time around the middle of October at which time Mr. Christie would be in that area and could assist in making the necessary contacts and arrange discussions. Mr. Sinclair was also anxious to have urinalysis and any medical work done on miners who are medically examined before going into the area and at yearly intervals thereafter. He expressed a preference for this type of population over a group drawn from the general population.

In view of the financial situation, Dr. Henderson and I felt that detailed planning of a sickness survey by Dr. Peart should be held up until we obtain further indications of the scope which the funds would permit and Dr. Peart was so advised. Meanwhile, Mr. Menzies has been brought up-to-date on progress, and I have had an opportunity of discussing the whole matter with Dr. Katz who has made some helpful suggestions.

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