

of the statements that have been submitted to us here this morning, and getting at the same time the legal opinion of some of the law officers of the Crown.

The CHAIRMAN: I think that the members of the delegation thoroughly understand the situation so far as this committee is concerned; and they were quite willing to come here under the circumstances and present their case. It is up to us to analyze the case presented at our leisure, and to call for whatever information we may require before coming to a conclusion.

Mr. PERLEY: Will the statements read by the representatives be printed in the report?

The CHAIRMAN: They will be printed in the report; and we will file these briefs with the report. I think there are plenty to go around.

Mr. MACNICOL: I should like to congratulate the various members of the delegation who have submitted statements to us here on their splendid command of the English language. I should further like to congratulate them on what they have done to help built up Canada. It brings to my mind very forcibly that the British Empire is an Empire of many races; and even in the dear old mother of Parliaments they have men of various races. I believe there are, in the British Parliament, one or two Lascars or one or two Asiatics.

Mr. HEAPS: There was one formerly.

Mr. MACNICOL: It makes me prouder and prouder of our British traditions and British ideals, that people of all nationalities can get along within our Empire. It is a bit of a surprise to me to know that these conditions exist in British Columbia. There may be reasons for it. I am passing no comment on the right or wrong of it whatever. I want to thoroughly study the briefs, thoroughly study what has been submitted here and hear any other evidence that we can get in connection with the matter. So far as I am concerned, my mind is wide open.

The CHAIRMAN: On behalf of the whole committee, I think I can also express to the members of this delegation, our appreciation of the manner in which they have presented the case. We are not committing ourselves in any way as to the legality of what is contained in that brief. That will all have to be studied, digested, and analyzed before a conclusion can be arrived at.

Mr. CAMERON: I notice, Mr. Chairman, in the brief there is a qualification such as I suggested to the doctor, as follows: "The Minister of the Interior cannot permit naturalization, except in the case of persons fulfilling the following conditions," and No. 4 is: "Having sufficient property, or ability, to secure an independent livelihood." That is in Japan. That is in your brief.

Miss HYODO: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: I think there are other restrictions also.

Mr. CAMERON: Oh, yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Certain matters may be referred to the Minister of the Interior in Japan.

Professor HAYAKAWA: Mr. Chairman, I should like to thank the committee for the very kind hearing they have given us.

The CHAIRMAN: I do not know just when the next meeting of the committee will be. I understand there are a number of committees being held next Tuesday. At the next meeting we hope to be able to present the report of the subcommittee on proportional representation and the alternative vote, and to possibly take up the next order on the reference to us of compulsory registration and compulsory voting.

Mr. TURGEON: Do you expect that report at the next meeting of this committee?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

The committee adjourned at 12.45 p.m. to meet again at the call of the chair.