

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, November 28, 1957.

The Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines met at 10.30 a.m. The Chairman, Mr. G. K. Fraser, presided.

Members Present: Messrs. Bonnier, Blanchette, Castleden, Crouse, Fairfield, Fraser, Grills, Haidasz, Herridge, Holowach, Howe, Johnston (*Bow River*), Lafontaine, Lewry, Macdonald (*Vancouver-Kingsway*), MacDonald (*Antigonish-Guysborough*), Marler, Martini, McBain, McIlraith, McIvor, McLeod, McPhillips, Olson, Rea, Small, Smith (*Calgary South*), Smith (*Simcoe North*), Smith (*Battle River-Camrose*), Stanton, Stuart (*Charlotte*), Villeneuve (*Roberval*), Winch, and Wratten—(34).

In attendance:

On behalf of The Bell Telephone Company of Canada:

Mr. Charles E. Rea, M.P., Sponsor; Messrs. Duncan K. MacTavish, Q.C., and H. P. Hill, Q.C., Parliamentary Agents; Messrs. T. W. Eadie, President, Norman A. Munnoch, Q.C., Vice-President and General Counsel, E. A. Rolph, Executive Vice-President, P. C. Venne, Assistant General Counsel, of the company.

On motion of Mr. Rea, seconded by Mr. Martini,

Resolved.—That the Committee print 700 copies in English and 200 copies in French of its Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence in relation to Bill No. 27, "An Act respecting The Bell Telephone Company of Canada".

The Committee commenced consideration of Bill No. 27 (Letter C of the Senate), "An Act respecting the Bell Telephone Company of Canada".

On the Preamble:

On request of the Chairman, Mr. Rea called and introduced the Parliamentary Agents and the officials from the company.

Mr. Munnoch presented and read a statement outlining the various proposals contained in the Bill, copies of which were also distributed to members present.

During the questioning of the witnesses, Mr. Herridge, moved, seconded by Mr. Winch,

That, in view of the hearings before the Board of Transport Commissioners on rate increases, the Committee postpone further consideration of this Bill until the hearings are completed.

After discussion, the Chairman cited a ruling by the Speaker of the House of Commons of June 12, 1951, and ruled the motion out of order on the grounds that the question of telephone rate increases remains "sub-judice" until a decision has been made thereon by the Board of Transport Commissioners.

After further consideration, the Preamble, Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, the Title, and the Bill were adopted.

Ordered.—That the Chairman report the said Bill to the House without amendment.

At 12.30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to meet again at 10.30 a.m., Tuesday, December 3, 1957.

A. Small,
Clerk of the Committee.