SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE

The chairman informed the committee that the clerk had telegraphed Mr. Coldwell, pursuant to the directions of the committee as in the said motion contained and that subsequently upon instructions of the acting chairman had sent a telegram directing Mr. Coldwell to attend before the committee on Tuesday, the fifteenth instant.

The chairman stated that Mr. Coldwell was present and, in view of what had transpired, if the committee wished him to take the stand it would be necessary to adopt a motion to that effect.

Thereupon Mr. Forke moved that Mr. Coldwell be called.

Motion carried.

During the course of the examination of the witness, the witness was asked to name a certain person referred to by him in his evidence and upon the witness demurring and claiming he should be given protection before being required to answer, the chairman ruled that the committee could not limit nor extend the protection which by rule of Parliament was afforded witnesses before committees of the House; that the witness could not excuse himself from answering any proper question and that the question then put was a proper one.

It being one o'clock the committee adjourned till Wednesday, May 16th, at 11 a.m., when the witness Coldwell would appear for further examination.

A. A. FRASER, Clerk of Committee.

House of Commons, Wednesday May 16, 1928.

Members present: Messrs. Anderson, Bancroft, Benoit, Boys, Brown, Cahan, Campbell, Carmichael, Coote, Donnelly, Edwards, Forke, Glen, Jacobs, Kay, Lucas, McGibbon, McKenzie, McPhee, Millar, Motherwell, Ralston, Ross, Totzke, Vallance, Young.

The committee came to order at 11 a.m. Mr. Kay presiding.

The chairman directed the attention of the committee to the fact that the Conservative party was in caucus this morning and that the customary practice under such circumstances was for committees not to proceed to business.

After discussion the committee decided to adjourn.

Prior to adjournment Mr. Cahan moved that Hon. E. J. McMurray of Winnipeg be summoned to attend before the committee.

The committee agreed that the motion of Mr. Cahan be put and the chairman putting the question the motion carried.

The committee then adjourned till 4 p.m.

The committee re-convened at 4 o'clock, Mr. Kay presiding.

Members present: Messrs, Boys, Brown, Campbell, Carmichael, Coote, Edwards, Fansher, Garland (Carleton), Glen, Jacobs, Kay, Lucas, McGibbon, McKenzie, McPhee, Millar, Ralston, Rowe, Sinclair (Queens), Sinclair (Wellington North), Spence, Stewart, Forke, Stirling, Totzke, Young.

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