

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, April 8, 1959.

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The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met this day, pursuant to notice, at 9.30 o'clock. The Chairman, Mr. Macnaughton, presided.

*Members present:* Messrs. Bell (*Carleton*), Broome, Bourget, Bruchési, Campbell (*Lambton-Kent*), Campeau, Charlton, Chown, Denis, Drysdale, Fraser, Hales, Hellyer, Keays, Lahaye, Lambert, Macnaughton, Martin, Morissette, Morris, Morton, Pickersgill, Pratt, Regier, Smith (*Calgary South*), Smith (*Simcoe North*), Smith (*Winnipeg North*), Spencer, Villeneuve, Walker, Winch, and Wratten—(32).

*In attendance:* Mr. Watson Sellar, Auditor General for Canada.

The Committee resumed from March 18 its examination of the Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 1958.

Mr. Watson Sellar was called. He supplied answers to questions posed on March 18 by Messrs. McGregor, Fraser, Charlton, Hellyer, Spencer and Drysdale, and was further examined thereon.

The witness sought and obtained the approval of the Committee respecting major corrections in his evidence given at the meeting of March 18. He referred to a further error which appears in at page 34, line 31st of the printed evidence issue No. 2 (*see erratum in this day's issue*).

The Committee then proceeded to paragraph 16 of the Auditor General's Report and Mr. Sellar's examination.

Paragraphs 16 to 26 were considered.

The witness undertook to supply answers not readily available.

A table showing a breakdown of payments for family allowances to provinces was taken as read and it was agreed to incorporate it in the evidence.

At 10.55 a.m. the Committee adjourned until 9.30 a.m. Wednesday, April 15th.

Antonio Plouffe,  
*Assistant Chief Clerk of Committees.*