

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, 27th November 1945.

The Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons, appointed to consider and report upon a suitable design for a distinctive national flag for Canada, met this day at 10 o'clock a.m.

### Present:

*The Senate:* Honourable Senators: Aseltine, David, Gershaw, Howden, Johnston, Lambert, Léger, Quinn, Robinson.

*House of Commons:* Messrs. Beaudoin, Blanchette, Castleden, Emmerson, Gladstone, Hackett, Hansell, Harris (*Grey-Bruce*), Herridge, LaCroix, Lafontaine, Macdonnell, MacNicol, Martin, Matthews (*Brandon*), McCulloch (*Pictou*), McIvor, Reid, Smith (*Calgary West*), Stirling, Thatcher, Warren.

The Clerk of the Committee invited the pleasure of the members to nominate a Chairman for each section of the Senate and House of Commons of the Joint Committee.

Following is a verbatim report of the proceedings of the day.

The CLERK OF THE COMMITTEE: Gentlemen, the first item of business is to select Chairmen. There must be one chairman for the Senate section of the committee and another chairman for the House of Commons section of the committee.

Hon. Mr. ASELTINE: I move that Senator Lambert be the chairman of the Senate section of this joint committee.

Hon. Mr. HOWDEN: I second that nomination.

Hon. Paul MARTIN: I propose that Mr. Walter Harris of Grey-Bruce be the representative of the House of Commons and chairman of the House of Commons section of this joint committee.

Mr. WARREN: I second that nomination.

The CLERK OF THE COMMITTEE: Are there any other nominations?

It is moved by Senator Aseltine and seconded by Senator Howden that Senator Lambert be appointed chairman of the Senate section of this joint committee. All those in favour? Opposed?

(Carried).

It is further moved by Hon. Mr. Martin that Mr. Walter Harris (*Grey-Bruce*) be elected as chairman of the House of Commons section of the joint committee and the nomination has been seconded by Mr. Warren. All those in favour? Contrary minded?

(Carried).

I shall respectfully ask the two elected chairmen to take their places.

Hon. Mr. MARTIN: Messrs. Chairmen: May I propose that, as we have two chairmen, representing the two Houses, that the arrangement be that, today Mr. Harris act as chairman, and at the next meeting, Senator Lambert act as chairman, and so on until the committee meetings are concluded.

(Carried).

Mr. Harris took the chair.