

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, March 22, 1944.

The Special Committee on The Dominion Elections Act, 1938, met at 11 o'clock a.m., the Chairman, Mr. Factor, presiding.

Members present: Messrs. Blanchette, Factor, Fair, Gillis, Green, Isnor, MacNicol, McCuaig, McLarty, McNiven, Sinclair.

In attendance: Mr. Harry Butcher, K.C., Counsel to the Committee; Mr. Jules Castonguay, Chief Electoral Officer; Mr. Donald Stewart, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer.

Mr. Butcher submitted draft war service voting regulations, amended in accordance with the decisions reached at the last meeting, and the Committee proceeded to consideration thereof.

At 1 o'clock p.m., on motion of Mr. Sinclair, the Committee adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m.

AFTERNOON SITTING

The Committee resumed at 3 o'clock p.m., the Chairman, Mr. Factor, presiding.

Members present: Messrs. Blanchette, Factor, Fair, Gillis, Isnor, MacNicol, McCuaig, Sinclair.

In attendance: Captain Alan Chambers, M.P.; Mr. Harry Butcher, K.C., Counsel to the Committee; Mr. Jules Castonguay, Chief Electoral Officer; Mr. Donald Stewart, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer.

Consideration of the draft war service voting regulations was continued. On motion of Mr. McCuaig:

Resolved,—That the Committee recommend to the House that The Dominion Elections Act, 1938, be amended to provide for a period of 28 days between nomination day and polling day; and that the Committee further recommend that the special returning officers for overseas voting territories be appointed at least 60 days before the issuance of the writs of election.

At 5.10 o'clock p.m. the Committee adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

THURSDAY, March 30, 1944.

The Special Committee on The Dominion Elections Act, 1938, met at 11 o'clock a.m., the Chairman, Mr. Factor, presiding.

Members present: Messrs. Blanchette, Factor, Fair, Gillis, Green, Isnor, MacNicol, McLarty, McNiven.

In attendance: Mr. Harry Butcher, K.C., Counsel to the Committee; Mr. Jules Castonguay, Chief Electoral Officer; Mr. Donald Stewart, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer.

Consideration of the draft war service voting regulations was continued.

At 1 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

THURSDAY, April 20, 1944.

The Special Committee on The Dominion Elections Act, 1938, met at 11.20 o'clock p.m., the Chairman, Mr. Factor, presiding.

Members present: Messrs. Factor, Fair, Gillis, Isnor, MacNicol, McCuaig, McLarty, McNiven, Sinclair.