

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

HOUSE OF COMMONS,
TUESDAY, March 8, 1932.

The Committee came to order at 11 a.m., Mr. Matthews, presiding.

Members present: Messrs. Arthurs, Baker, Beynon, Bothwell, Donnelly, Dorion, Euler, Fafard, Hanson (*York-Sunbury*), Hepburn, MacKenzie, MacMillan (*Saskatoon*), Matthews, McPhee, Peck, Perley (*Qu'Appelle*), Pettit, Power, Ralston, Sanderson, Smoke, Stanley, Spencer, Vallance, Willis.

The Committee took under consideration the reference with respect to the price of gasoline to the Canadian consumer.

The Chairman outlined the procedure to be adopted.

Mr. V. W. Holland of the firm of George A. Touche & Company, Chartered Accountants, retained by the Committee, was in attendance.

Mr. F. G. Green of the staff of the National Research Council, a technical expert on gasoline was present at the service of the Committee.

A letter written by the Clerk to the Hon. Mr. Stewart, Minister of Highways of the Saskatchewan Government, advising of the matter before the Committee and offering to consider any representations he might care to make, was read and discussion followed as to the propriety of extending a like invitation to the other provincial Governments.

The Chairman agreed to extend a like invitation to the other provinces.

The Chairman directed the attention of the Committee to the question of asking the House for leave to sit while the House is sitting, when it was decided to leave the question in abeyance till next week.

Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Bothwell and other members then explained the reasons which prompted the present enquiry. (See printed Minutes of Evidence.)

Mr. Victor Ross, Vice-President of Imperial Oil, Limited, was then called, sworn, examined and discharged.

The witness produced and filed with the Clerk a copy of a printed "Report of G. T. Clarkson on The Prices of Gasoline and Oils Sold to the People of Ontario," dated January 11, 1926, as made to His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. (See Report printed as Appendix "A" hereto.)

The witness agreed to file various documents referred to in his evidence.

The Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

A. A. FRASER,
Clerk of Committee.