

EVIDENCE

TUESDAY, March 1, 1966.

● (9: 35 a.m.)

The CHAIRMAN: Members of the committee, I see a quorum and, therefore, I will call the meeting to order.

The first item on our agenda, which is held over from our organization meeting, is the motion and the amendment to it dealing with a subcommittee on agenda and procedure. I thought perhaps that there might be some consensus on this question which may have evolved since our last meeting but no such consensus has been communicated to me.

Mr. MONTEITH: Did you send out any feelers?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, I have been making inquiries. However, I have a suggestion to make to the members at this time.

As you know, we have a bill before us for consideration and a number of witnesses have travelled some distance to give us their testimony on this bill.

Rather than begin our hearing this morning with discussions on this motion and the amendment thereto, which are of importance but, however, not of immediate importance, I would suggest and invite the members of the committee to table this motion and the amendment and we will discuss it at our next meeting at which time we will have more opportunity to discuss it.

Mr. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I so move.

Mr. LEBOE: I second the motion.

Motion agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN: The next item of business on our agenda is the printing of the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence in respect of Bill C-111. I invite someone to make a motion that the committee cause to be printed 750 copies in English and 300 copies in French of the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence relating to Bill No. C-111.

Mr. LAFLAMME: I so move.

Mr. CLERMONT: I second the motion.

Motion agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we have had referred to us for consideration this morning Bill No. C-111, an act to incorporate the Bank of Western Canada.

I will begin the proceedings by calling the preamble and then I would ask the sponsor of the bill, Mr. Richard, to introduce the parliamentary agent and the witnesses.

Before calling upon Mr. Richard I would like to make the suggestion that after Mr. Richard introduces the sponsor and the witnesses we then hear each of those who wish to make any general opening statement, and then invite general questions from members of the committee.