

EVIDENCE

THURSDAY, December 13, 1962.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, considering the shortness of notice we certainly have a very good turnout. The reason for the short notice was that we were not legally constituted, so to speak, until the order of reference had been passed. That was passed yesterday afternoon at 2.30.

I think our secretary is to be congratulated on the speed with which he got the notice out as well as the rather complex agenda.

We have more than a quorum present.

I would like at this time to welcome the new members to this committee particularly and, of course, the old members who are old friends in a cooperative way.

Perhaps I could just say a few words of welcome in French.

Le PRÉSIDENT: Il me fait plaisir de saluer les membres de langue française de ce comité. J'estime qu'ils n'hésiteront pas à s'exprimer dans leur langue s'ils le désirent, et ce serait peut-être un devoir pour eux de le faire. Le comité a à son service des sténographes des deux langues et des interprètes, et il n'appartient qu'aux membres de s'exprimer dans l'une ou dans l'autre des deux langues officielles.

The CHAIRMAN: I would ask the clerk at this time to read the order of reference.

The CLERK: The order of reference dated Tuesday, December 4, 1962 reads as follows:

—That the standing committee on Public Accounts—be empowered to print such papers and evidence as may be ordered by the committee, and that standing order 66 be suspended in relation thereto.

The order of reference dated December 12, 1962 reads as follows:

That the reports of the Canada Council for the fiscal years ended March 31, 1961 and March 31, 1962, laid before the House on July 1, 1961 and October 10, 1962 respectively, be referred to the standing committee on public accounts in order to provide for a review thereof pursuant to section 23 of the Canada Council Act.

That the Public Accounts, volumes I, II, and III, and the report of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1961, and the financial statements of the Canada Council for the fiscal years ended March 31, 1961 and 1962, and the reports of the Auditor General thereon, be referred to the standing committee on public accounts.

It is signed by the clerk of the House.

The CHAIRMAN: Do members wish this translated? It does appear in the French Hansard.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Yes.

L'INTERPRÈTE: Il est ordonné que le comité permanent des comptes publics soit autorisé à faire imprimer les documents et témoignages dont il ordonnera la publication, et qu'à cet égard soit suspendue l'application de l'article 66 du Règlement; que son quorum soit réduit de 15 à 10 membres et que l'application de l'article 65 (1)e) du Règlement soit suspendue à cet égard.