We still do not know what historians we would like to hear. I think it would take a little longer for an historian, who has not had the familiarity with this problem that Miss Milne has had, to come in here and give us useful information quickly.

Does the committee think that we should take our time about that and perhaps have those hearings in the fall, or should I try to speed it up to have them before the summer recess?

Senator Carter: I do not see how we could be in a position to give a meaningful report, Mr. Chairman, in view of the limited time at our disposal, before we adjourn for the summer. We have only six weeks left.

The Chairman: Yes, that is right.

Senator Carter: Perhaps we could produce an interim report, but, even so, there is the problem of contacting the

historians, or the slate of historians as Senator Hicks suggested.

Senator Lafond: Yes. If we are inviting them to appear before us they should have the advantage of reading the proceedings of the meetings we have held so far. I think they should be given the advantage of the summer break to prepare themselves for meetings in the fall.

The Chairman: Obviously, the committee would not feel that the work was being neglected if we planned to have the historians appear in the fall. That is the only sensible way to handle the business.

Senator Carter: Yes. If we make our plans now we can start right off when Parliament reassembles in September.

The committee adjourned.

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