

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, February 22, 1951.

Pursuant to adjournment and notice the Standing Committee on Immigration and Labour met this day at 11.00 a.m.

Present: The Honourable Senators: Wilson, Chairman; Blais, Buchanan, Burke, Crerar, Davis, Ferland, Fogo, MacKinnon, Pirie, Reid, Turgeon and Wood—13.

In attendance: The official reporters of the Senate.

The Committee proceeded to consideration of the order of reference of February 20, 1951—

That the Standing Committee on Immigration and Labour be authorized and directed to examine into the Immigration Act (R.S.C. Chapter 93 and Amendments) its operation and administration and the circumstances and conditions relating thereto including:—

- (a) the desirability of admitting immigrants to Canada,
  - (b) the type of immigrant which should be preferred, including origin, training and other characteristics,
  - (c) the availability of such immigrants for admission,
  - (d) the facilities, resources and capacity of Canada to absorb, employ and maintain such immigrants, and
  - (e) the appropriate terms and conditions of such admission;
- And that the said Committee report its findings to this House;  
And that the said Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.

The following were heard:—

The Honourable Walter E. Harris, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Mr. C. E. S. Smith, Director of Immigration.

On motion of the Honourable Senator Turgeon, it was—

*Resolved* to report recommending that the Committee be authorized to print 1000 copies in English and 200 copies in French of its day to day proceedings, and that Rule 100 be suspended in relation to the said printing.

At 12.15 p.m. the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chairman.

Attest.

JOHN A. HINDS,  
*Clerk of the Committee.*