

# SECOND AND FINAL REPORT

## PREFACE

On the 30th of March, 1950, the House of Commons passed the following Resolution:

Resolved, That a joint committee of both Houses of Parliament be appointed to examine and study the operation and effects of existing legislation of the Parliament of Canada and of the several provincial legislatures with respect to old age security; similar legislation in other countries; possible alternative measures of old age security for Canada, with or without a means test for beneficiaries, including plans based on contributory insurance principles; the probable cost thereof and possible methods of providing therefor; the constitutional and financial adjustments, if any, required for the effective operations of such plans, and other related matters:

That 28 Members of the House of Commons, to be designated by the House at a later date, be members of the joint committee on the part of this House, and that Standing Order 65 of the House of Commons be suspended in relation thereto;

That the committee have power to appoint, from among its members, such sub-committees as may be deemed advisable or necessary; to call for persons, papers and records; to sit while the House is sitting, and to report from time to time;

That the committee have power to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be ordered by the committee for the use of the committee and of Parliament, and that Standing Order 64 of the House of Commons be suspended in relation thereto;

And that a Message be sent to the Senate requesting that House to unite with this House for the above purpose and to select, if the Senate deems advisable, some of its members to act on the proposed joint committee.

By order of the House of the same date, the following members were appointed to act on the Committee on behalf of the House of Commons:

Messrs. Ashbourne, Benidickson, Beyerstein, Blair, Brooks, Brown (*Essex West*), Corry, Coté (*Verdun-La Salle*), Courtemanche, Croll, Diefenbaker, Ferrie, Fleming, Gingues, Homuth, Knowles, Laing, Lesage, MacInnis, Macnaughton, Picard, Pinard, Richard (*Gloucester*), Robertson, Shaw, Smith (*Queens-Shelburne*), Weaver and Welbourn.

On the 31st of March, 1950, the following Resolution was adopted in the Senate:

That the Senate do unite with the House of Commons in the appointment of a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament to examine and study the operation and effects of existing legislation of