

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
TUESDAY, December 18, 1906

The Special Committee to whom was referred Bill No. 2, An Act respecting Industrial and Co-operative Societies, met at 11 o'clock a.m., for organization. Present: Messieurs Aylesworth, Lemieux, Monk, Sinclair, Smith (Nanaimo), and Verville—6.

The Committee being called to order,—

On motion of Mr. Aylesworth,

Mr. Lemieux was chosen chairman of the Committee.

Mr. Monk explained the provisions of the Bill.

On motion of Mr. Monk, it was

Resolved, That a report be made to the House recommending:—1st, That the Committee be empowered to send for persons, papers and records, and to examine witnesses under oath or affirmation; 2. That they be authorized to employ a shorthand writer to take down such evidence or proceedings as they deem necessary.

On motion of Mr. Monk, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Alphonse Desjardins, President-Manager of *La Caisse Populaire de Lévis*, and Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, M.A., LL.B., Deputy Minister of Labour, and Editor of the *Labour Gazette*, be requested to attend the next meeting.

The Committee then adjourned to the call of the chair.

Attest,

N. ROBIDOUX,
Clerk of Committee.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
FRIDAY, February 8, 1907.

The Special Committee to whom was referred Bill No. 2, An Act respecting Industrial and Co-operative Societies, met at 10.30 a.m. Present:

Messieurs Lemieux (in the chair), Bourassa, Monk, Sinclair, Smith (Nanaimo), Verville and White.—7.

On motion of Mr. Monk, it was

Resolved, That a report be made to the House recommending that the evidence taken by the Committee be printed day by day for the use of the Committee.

Mr. Alphonse Desjardins was then called and examined in part by Mr. Monk and others.

During his examination, the Constitution or By-laws of *La Caisse Populaire de Lévis*, in the English and French versions, were filed and marked as Exhibits No. 1 and No. 1a, respectively.

A statistical statement of the operations of the said Caisse was also filed and marked as Exhibit No. 2.

Mr. Desjardins was by the Committee instructed to prepare as supplementary to his evidence a general statement based on the opinions of leading authorities on the subject of Co-operative Credit or Banking, and to submit the same as an addendum to the Minutes of Evidence.

The Committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

Attest,

N. ROBIDOUX,
Clerk of Committee.