

Select Standing Committees

The next committee listed is the Debates committee, which did not meet at all in 1922 or 1923, and met only three times in 1924. With a total membership of 13, the average attendance was 8 and the percentage attendance was 62, a small committee, meeting I presume for some special business and having a fairly good attendance.

The Industrial and International Relations committee was created only last year. It held six meetings and out of a membership of 33 the average attendance was 12 and the percentage attendance 36, a poor attendance during the first year of its existence.

The committee on Marine and Fisheries in 1922 held six meetings, and with a member-

ship of 36 the average attendance was 14 and percentage attendance 40. In the next year five meetings were held, and with a membership of 36 the average attendance was 14 and the percentage attendance 38, practically the same as the year before. In 1924 five meetings were held and with a membership of 37 the attendance was 11 and percentage attendance 30.

If the House will consent I should like to place this table on Hansard to save time, instead of reading it all now. It is not very lengthy and I could place it in a condensed form on Hansard.

Committee	1922				1923				1924			
	Meetings Held	Members	Average Attendance	% Attendance	Meetings Held	Members	Average Attendance	% Attendance	Meetings Held	Members	Average Attendance	% Attendance
<i>Standing Committees</i>												
Agriculture and Colonization.....	19	105	64	61	10	105	45	43	7	105	40	38
Banking and Commerce....	10	82	19	23	75	89	45	51	40	90	47	52
Debates.....									3	13	8	62
Industrial and International Relations.....									6	33	12	36
Marine and Fisheries.....	6	36	14	40	5	37	14	38	5	37	11	30
Mines and Minerals.....					20	37	12	32				
Mines, Forests and Waters.....									4	37	13	35
Miscellaneous Private Bills	10	64	17	26	9	64	13	20	33	64	28	44
National Railways and Shipping.....									15	15	11	73
Privileges and Elections.....									6	27	22	81
Public Accounts.....	11	61	17	29					4	61	(Unable get quorum)	
Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines.....	10	126	34	27	4	130	30	23	9	129	44	34
Standing Orders.....									1	33	25	76
<i>Special Committees</i>												
Agricultural Conditions.....					80	19	15	79				
Civil Service Inquiry.....					35	18	12	67				
Civil Service Superannuation.....									6	17	10	59
Immigration Act and Criminal Code.....	6	19	8	41								
Old Age Pensions.....									8	12	8	68
Redistribution.....					6	19	17	88	45	19	14	73
Railway Transportation Costs.....	29	27	(Minutes mislaid)									
Soldiers' Pensions and Re-Establishment.....	11	28	19	68					29	29	13	46

I desire to refer, however, to some of the special committees which have held meetings during the last three years, because here I think we can learn some lessons. We had the special committee on Agricultural Conditions in 1923. That committee held 80 meetings, and with a membership of 19 the average attendance was 15 and the percentage attendance 79—almost 80 per cent attendance.

The special committee on the Civil Service Inquiry in 1923 held 35 meetings, and out of a membership of 18 it had an average attendance of 12 and a percentage attendance of 67.

The Redistribution committee met during both years 1923 and 1924. Without going into the figures other than the percentage attendance, I may state that the percentage attendance in 1923 was 88 and in 1924 it was 73.