

EVIDENCE

MONDAY, March 14, 1955.

10.30 A.M.

The CHAIRMAN: If the committee will come to order, the first item of business is the report of the subcommittee:

Your subcommittee met at 4.15 o'clock p.m. Friday, March 11, with the following members present: Messrs. Bennett, Brooks, Green, Quelch and Tucker, and agreed to recommend:

- (a) That the committee head the Non-Pensioned Veterans' Widows Association on Tuesday, March 15 at 3.30 o'clock p.m.,
- (b) That the committee hear departmental officials and proceed with a clause by clause consideration of Bill No. 164 on Monday, March 21 at 10.30 o'clock a.m.,
- (c) That the chairman be authorized to order the printing of such additional copies, of the day to day minutes of proceedings and evidence, over and above the numbers already approved by the committee on March 9, as he may deem necessary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(sgd) Walter A. Tucker,
Chairman.

Mr. CROLL: I move the adoption of the report.

Carried.

We have with us this morning the National Council of Veteran Associations in Canada. I will call on the Hon. Mr. Lapointe to extend a word of welcome to them.

Hon. HUGUES LAPOINTE (*Minister of Veterans Affairs*): Mr. Chairman, it is a pleasure indeed again this year before this committee to welcome the delegates from the National Council of Veteran Associations. The association, as you know, is made up of various autonomous bodies of veterans organizations: The Canadian Corps Association, The Canadian Paraplegics, The War Blind, The War Amputees and The War Pensioners of Canada. This means that the association is a very representative group of ex-servicemen throughout this country. I understand, from the constitution of the association, that such representations as are made by the national council before this committee or before the government, are only those which have met with unanimous approval by all the members of the association. This does not, of course, preclude those various associations from making representations on their own when they feel like it.

On your behalf, Mr. Chairman, and on behalf of the members of the committee it gives me great pleasure to welcome the delegation of the National Council of Veteran Associations in Canada and, in the absence of Colonel Baker, the president of the Council, who was unable to attend today, I would ask Mr. Wickens, who is the president of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada, to introduce the delegation to the committee.