

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

WEDNESDAY, May 7, 1930.

The Committee convened at 10.30 a.m. pursuant to notice given. Mr. Power, the chairman, presided.

Members present:—Messrs. Anderson (Toronto High Park), Bancroft, Bothwell, Boys, Hanson, Kellner, Kennedy, Power, Ryckman, and Totzke.

Mr. Boys suggested that on account of a Conservative caucus being held at 11.00 o'clock the meeting be adjourned. After discussion the Committee agreed to adjourn until Thursday, May 8th, at 4.00 p.m.

J. P. DOYLE,

Clerk of the Committee.

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

THURSDAY, May 8, 1930.

The Committee convened at 4 p.m. pursuant to notice given. Mr. Power, the Chairman, presided.

Members present:—Messrs. Anderson (Toronto High Park), Bancroft, Black (Yukon), Bothwell, Boys, Cannon, Dussault, Elliott, Girouard, Hanson, Jacobs, Kellner, Ladner, Laflamme, McPherson, Power, Ilsley, Ryckman, St. Père, Sanderson, and Totzke.

The Chairman suggested that only non-contentious legislation be dealt with.

Mr. Boys made a statement regarding the agreement reached in the Committee last year that the appointment of Returning Officers should be non-political, and contended that in the appointment of these officers that agreement had not been carried out.

Mr. McPherson pointed out the impossibility of carrying out in Manitoba the recommendations of Col. Biggar owing to overlapping of districts.

After discussion by Messrs. Bothwell, Kellner, Hanson, Cannon, and Ladner, on the method of appointing Returning Officers, Mr. Boys suggested that immediate steps be taken to have instructions forwarded to the Returning Officers to insure non-partisan appointment of subordinate officials.

Mr. Ryckman suggested there should be an equal division of subordinate officials.

Moved by Mr. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Ladner, that the Chairman, with Mr. Boys and Mr. Kellner, be appointed a sub-committee to draft proposed amendments to the Act. Motion agreed to.

The Committee adjourned until Tuesday, May 13, at 11 a.m.

J. P. DOYLE,

Clerk of the Committee.