

## MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

HOUSE OF COMMONS,  
May 11, 1944.

The Special Committee on Defence of Canada-Regulations met this day at 11.00 o'clock a.m. The Chairman, the Honourable Mr. E. Bertrand, presided.

The CHAIRMAN: We have with us to-day Honourable Judge Hyndman, Senator Paterson and Mrs. Wheeler. Is it your pleasure to hear Senator Paterson first? I understand that he wants to put the case before the committee.

Some HON. MEMBERS: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Then will you proceed, Senator Paterson? You may sit down.

HONOURABLE NORMAN McL. PATERSON, called:

The WITNESS: I am going to sit down in a minute. I would rather stand up just now in order to introduce Judge Hyndman. I am representing the Canadian Club movement in Canada, an association of Canadian Clubs which represent about 94 clubs across Canada, women's and men's clubs, in practically every large city. We are all affiliated and handle the speakers principally from our head office here in Ottawa. There has been a demand recently by several of the larger clubs that the national association take some more definite interest in new Canadians. The Canadian Club movement is essentially a lecture club for the enlightenment of Canadians. It is not confined to any particular subject. The basic interest of the Canadian Club is citizenship. Some of our clubs feel that a bigger interest in instructing new Canadians as to the value of their heritage and the value of coming into Canada, should be our object. We have asked for an interview here to find if any changes are being made in the naturalization laws and if any are contemplated, and I think that I should suggest that Judge Hyndman present our case as, having been on the bench, he has naturalized a great number of people and has been identified with this movement, with Judge Dysart, for a number of years. I think if you will bear with him, he will explain the situation better than I can.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Senator Paterson. Mr. Justice Hyndman, will you please take the chair?

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE J. D. HYNDMAN, called:

The WITNESS: Mr. Chairman, I was only told or notified that you would like to hear something about this matter a week or so ago, and I am not quite sure that I am very well prepared with detail. But I represent, along with Senator Paterson, the Canadian Club. I may say that the real object which the Canadian Club has in view is to insure some method of impressing more upon the applicants for naturalization the importance of becoming Canadian citizens; that is, the importance of being naturalized. Perhaps if I might read this resolution of the Canadian Club of Regina some years ago, it would help to express the idea we have in mind. It says:—

Resolved that the association of Canadian Clubs in conference assembled records its opinion that the Canadian method of naturalizing