

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

COMMITTEE ROOM 268,

TUESDAY, April 12, 1932.

The Special Committee on Bill No. 41, An Act to amend the Bankruptcy Act, held their first meeting this day, at 10.30 a.m.

Members present: Messrs. Hackett, MacDonald (*Cape Breton South*), Ganong, Gobeil, Anderson (*Toronto-High Park*), Kennedy (*Winnipeg South Centre*), Turnbull, Perley (*Qu'Appelle*), Fraser (*Cariboo*), Butcher, Elliott, Lapointe, Ralston, Speakman, Carmichael, 15.

In Attendance: Mr. F. P. Varcoe, Counsel in the Department of Justice, and Messrs. H. P. Grundy, Henry Detchon, and A. S. Crighton, representing the Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association, Winnipeg.

On motion of Messrs. Gobeil and Anderson, Mr. Hackett was elected Chairman of the Committee.

The Chairman, having read the Order of Reference, explained briefly the purport of the Bill referred to the Committee and suggested that a Sub-Committee of three be appointed to act with him and advise as to the conduct of the business of the Committee. This having met with the unanimous approval of the Committee, the following Members were asked to constitute said Sub-Committee: Messrs. Lapointe, MacDonald and Speakman.

With respect to the reporting and printing of evidence, the Chairman and the Chief Clerk of Committees and Private Bills drew the attention of the Committee to the scarcity of Reporters as well as to the large number of other Committees requiring the attendance of the official Reporters. However, considering the importance of the matters to be dealt with, the Members of the Committee were unanimously in favour of having such evidence as may be deemed necessary, reported and printed. It was therefore resolved, on motion of Messrs. Lapointe and Turnbull;

That the Committee report to the House recommending that they be given leave to print, from day to day, as required, the minutes of proceedings and evidence taken, and also such papers and documents as may be directed by the Committee to be printed for the use of the Committee and Members of the House, and that Standing Order 64 be suspended in relation thereto.

On motion of Messrs. Fraser and Ganong, it was also agreed that the Committee report to the House recommending that they be given leave to sit while the House is in session.

The Clerk of the Committee was instructed by the Chairman, at the request of the Members of the Committee, to obtain copies of the Bankruptcy Act, chapter 11, R.S. 1927, for the use of the Committee members during the enquiry which is now proceeding.

The Committee then adjourned until Wednesday, April 13, at 2 p.m.

R. ARSENAULT,
Clerk of the Committee.