

The CHAIRMAN: 2. That Mr. H. A. Dyde, K.C., of Edmonton, Alberta, be immediately engaged as one of counsel to the committee. Agreed?

Agreed.

3. That immediate steps be taken to secure the services of Mr. Walter Gordon, chartered accountant, of Toronto. Agreed?

Agreed.

4. That all witnesses appearing before the committee be sworn. Agreed?

Agreed.

5. That all requests from individuals and organizations to appear before the committee be, in the first instance, referred to the steering committee. Agreed?

Agreed.

6. That, for the present, the committee hold its sittings at 10.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Agreed?

Agreed.

Mr. IRVINE: May I suggest that we could meet at a different hour tomorrow than 10.30 just for once to permit members to go to Rockcliffe to see the jet planes?

Mr. LESAGE: If we start making exceptions for various reasons we will lose a lot of time and I believe that four and a half hours a day are not going to be enough for the work we have to do in this committee. An ordinary day's work in court is between four and a half and five hours and that is a short day in court. Our committee is doing that kind of work, and unless we sit four and a half or five hours a day I do not see how we can manage with the work before us.

Mr. IRVINE: Why not have evening sessions as well?

The CHAIRMAN: The subcommittee dealt with the question of audibility in this room. Now, could you gentlemen at the back hear Mr. Irvine when he was speaking?

Mr. LESAGE: When Mr. Irvine was speaking with his face turned to the Chair I was not able to hear him.

The CHAIRMAN: We are only sixteen members on this committee and we can get closer together. I suggest that we rearrange the tables so as to bring the members closer to the front.

Mr. JOHNSTON: I would point out that some of us have telephoned Mr. Claxton agreeing to go and if he makes arrangements for our accommodation there and we do not show up he might think we were breaking faith.

The CHAIRMAN: The matter is entirely under the control of the committee but it seems to me there are many things which might arise and if we start to make exceptions now we will find it difficult to avoid them later. I would respectfully suggest that we leave it to the discretion of the committee and if any member feels he must be absent it will be his decision.

Mr. WINTERS: What has been the decision of the steering committee as to the length of sittings?

The CHAIRMAN: We decided for the time being that there should be two sittings of the committee each day, one at 10.30 a.m. and one at 4 p.m.

Mr. McCUBBIN: Is that for six days a week?

The CHAIRMAN: Now just a minute. Every member of the steering committee felt that there was an urgency about our business and that we wanted to proceed as quickly as possible. After much discussion it was decided that for the time being we would meet at those hours.