

The CHAIRMAN: The report to the standing committee on public accounts on changes which are proposed in the number and nature of votes in annual estimates has been distributed to the committee.

Mr. MUIR (*Lisgar*): I see. Are you going to suggest that this be appended to our minutes?

The CHAIRMAN: In view of the time left, I think we should consider at least one suggestion which was made, the referring of this matter to a sub-committee. Obviously it is a matter of some complexity, and it concerns a study of the galley proofs which Mr. Steele will make available as it pertains to the estimates in their present form.

A sub-committee was established by this committee on two occasions on the understanding that under the rules we cannot delegate binding authority to a sub-committee but we can delegate authority to them to inquire into and report back with recommendations to the main committee.

In view of Mr. Hales' motion, and as we will not be proceeding with this matter in the full committee right away, is it your wish that we appoint a sub-committee of seven to look into this matter and report back to the main committee at an appropriate time, after having fully considered what is involved.

Some HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

The CHAIRMAN: Now, before we adjourn may I express my apologies to Mr. Daze, assistant deputy postmaster general, who has appeared with his staff in the hope we might reach an item in which he is involved. It looks as if it might be some time yet before we reach this particular item.