

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, July 11, 1947.

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3 o'clock p.m., the Chairman, Mr. L. P. Picard, presiding.

Members present: Messrs. Beaudry, Burton, Cleaver, Cote (*Verdun*), Denis, Fleming, Fournier (*Maisonneuve-Rosemont*), Fraser, Gladstone, Golding, Grant, Green, Hamel, Jackman, Kirk, Macdonnell, McCubbin, Murphy, Probe, Stuart (*Charlotte*), Winkler.

In attendance: Mr. Gordon Murchison, Director, Soldier Settlement and Veterans' Land Act, Mr. A. D. Wymbs, Acting Financial Superintendent, and Mr. W. G. Wurtle, Chief Treasury Officer.

The Committee resumed its investigation into the operations of The Veterans' Land Act in the township of Sarnia, Ontario.

Examination of Messrs. Murchison, Wymbs and Wurtle was continued.

On motion of Mr. Burton, the Committee thanked the witnesses for the courteous manner in which they had answered questions put to them.

The witnesses were discharged.

Moved by Mr. Fleming, that the Committee summon two witnesses from the Roseland project at Windsor for Monday next.

After discussion, Mr. Cleaver moved in amendment that inasmuch as there is not time at this session to call further witnesses, and to present a proper report to the House, that the Committee now proceed to prepare its report.

After discussion, Mr. Murphy moved, in amendment to the amendment, that the Steering Committee be instructed to submit to the Committee as soon as possible a draft report on the present inquiry, and to include therein a recommendation that a Royal Commission be appointed to investigate all aspects of administration under the Veterans' Land Act.

The Chairman ruled the amendment to the amendment to be out of order.

After discussion, and the question having been put on Mr. Cleaver's amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question having been put on Mr. Fleming's motion, as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

At 6.10 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned until 8 o'clock p.m., this day.

EVENING SITTING

The Committee resumed, in camera, at 8 o'clock p.m., the Chairman, Mr. L. P. Picard, presiding.

Members present: Messrs. Beaudry, Burton, Cleaver, Denis, Fleming, Fournier (*Maisonneuve-Rosemont*), Gladstone, Golding, Grant, Jackman, Jaenicke, Kirk, Murphy, Winkler.

The Committee proceeded to consideration of its Seventh Report.

It was agreed that the Steering Committee prepare a draft report for presentation to the Committee at the earliest opportunity, and the various members of the Committee present expressed their views as to the significance of the evidence adduced.

At 11.15 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.