

## EVIDENCE

TUESDAY, February 17, 1959.  
11.00 a.m.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, it is eleven o'clock. The first item on the agenda is the order of reference, dated February 13, 1959, which is:

"That items numbered 186 to 213, inclusive, as listed in the main estimates for 1959-1960, relating to the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, be withdrawn from the committee of Supply and be referred to the Standing Committee on Mines, Forests and Waters, saving always the powers of the Committee of Supply in relation to the voting of public moneys."

The report of the sub-committee on agenda—that is our steering committee—is as follows: We met in my office on last Thursday. The sub-committee recommends that the main committee meet on Tuesday, February 17, Thursday, February 19, and subsequently as the main committee may determine.

The sub-committee also recommends that the main committee order to be printed 750 copies in English and 250 copies in French of our minutes of proceedings and evidence in connection with the 1959-60 main estimates of the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys.

Is that agreeable?

Mr. DUMAS: I so move, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: Do we have a seconder?

Mr. MACINNIS: I second the motion, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: All in favour? I declare the motion carried. Now we must take a moment to decide as to the dates and times of meetings subsequent to next Thursday. You may, if you wish, suggest an earlier meeting for Thursday, let us say, at 10 o'clock? What about that?

Mr. DUMAS: Ten o'clock would be all right, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: Is that agreeable to the other members of the committee? We have a lot of work to do. Will someone so move?

Mr. COATES: I so move, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. MACRAE: I second the motion, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: All in favour? I declare the motion carried.

May I say that in view of the fact that there are quite a number of members who would like to serve on this committee—I did not speak to you before about this, Mr. Dumas. I am sorry, I just learned about it on Saturday in our official report to the house—we asked that the committee be enlarged, among other recommendations; and it has been suggested in view of the desire of many members to serve on the committee that we enlarge it to, let us say, 45, which would be ten more than we already have. That would give a wider distribution from all the provinces—and we do have the Yukon and Northwest Territories represented.

Does that idea meet with your approval?

Mr. DUMAS: Will this question be brought to the attention of the whips?

The CHAIRMAN: It will be; and they will take it up with the House Leader. It has to be a motion before the house by way of a resolution.

How would it be if the sub-committee met some time this week and decided upon meetings next week? Would that be all right with you, Mr. Nielsen?