

The Chairman presented the First Report of the Steering Committee, viz:

Your Steering Committee, in its *First Report*, begs leave to recommend as follows:

1. That the Committee proceed this day by hearing Mr. H. Marshall, Dominion Statistician, to be followed by Mr. K. W. Taylor, Chairman, Wartime Prices and Trade Board, and Mr. F. A. McGregor, Commissioner, Combines Investigation Commission.
2. That Mr. H. A. Dyde, K.C., of Edmonton, Alberta, be immediately engaged as one of Counsel to the Committee.
3. That immediate steps be taken to secure the services of Mr. Walter Gordon, Chartered Accountant, of Toronto.
4. That all witnesses appearing before the Committee be sworn.
5. That all requests from individuals and organizations to appear before the Committee be, in the first instance, referred to the Steering Committee.
6. That, for the present, the Committee hold its sittings at 10.30 a.m., and 4.00 p.m.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The above report was adopted with certain reservations in respect of recommendation No. 1 (*See Minutes of Evidence*).

Mr. H. Marshall, Dominion Statistician, was called and sworn.

Witness made a general statement and was examined.

Witness filed:

Exhibit No. 1—Statistical Memorandum on Prices, Price Indexes and other data prepared by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and dated February 9, 1948.

Exhibit No. 2—Bulletins (5) on the method of computing the cost-of-living index.

The Clerk was instructed to have Exhibit No. 1 printed as an Appendix to this day's evidence.

At 1.00 p.m. witness retired and the Committee adjourned until 4.00 p.m. this day.

AFTERNOON SITTING

The Committee resumed at 4.00 p.m.

Members present: Messrs. Cleaver, Fleming, Harkness, Irvine, Johnston, Lesage, MacInnis, Martin, Maybank, Mayhew, Merritt, McCubbin, Pinard, Winters.

Examination of Mr. Marshall was continued.

Witness retired.

Mr. K. W. Taylor, Chairman, Wartime Prices and Trade Board, was called and sworn.

He read a general statement and was examined.

At 6.05 p.m. witness retired and the committee adjourned to meet again on Thursday, February 12, at 10.30 a.m.

R. ARSENAULT,
Clerk of the Committee.

NOTE.—*Exhibit No. 1* "Statistical Memorandum on Prices, Price Indexes and other data prepared by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics", is printed separately as an Appendix to *Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence No. 1*.