

EVIDENCE

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THURSDAY, May 5, 1966.

• (9.30 a.m.)

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we have a quorum. You will recall that the House concurred in this Committee's report to the House asking for a reduction of a quorum from 13 to 10, and, secondly, that we be authorized to sit while the House is in session. Both of these recommendations were concurred in by the House yesterday. We can now start with a quorum of 10. We can sit while the House is in session. We have no excuse whatsoever now, gentlemen, but to proceed and do a good job and cover the field, which is a large one to cover. So I would ask your co-operation all along the line. We will not take advantage of sitting while the House is in session, we will do it only when it is absolutely necessary, especially when we have witnesses here from out of town, and so on. We will try to stay with the two meetings a week and have them in the morning, but if necessary we will use the privilege which has been given to us.

Mr. WINCH: I was in contact with you yesterday about the fact that the first meeting of the Defence Committee is being held this morning. I told you, sir, that I would be here for the quorum. Do I have your permission, at least for a little while now, to leave to attend the Defence Committee?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Winch, you may leave to attend the Defence Committee if you wish. I think they are going to do everything possible to try and get away from this overlapping which has been a continuous problem. I know Mr. McLean is on Fisheries which is meeting across the hall too.

Mr. WINCH: Since this is the first meeting of the Defence Committee I may be excused for a few minutes?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Winch.

We are proceeding with the Auditor General's Report of 1964, page 27, Section 62 and we are going to discuss only those items which appear in the 1964 report. Mr. Henderson?

62. *Town of Oromocto, N.B.* In 1955 the Governor in Council approved a proposal by the Department of National Defence to establish the Town of Oromocto, N.B., adjacent to Camp Gagetown. Subsequently in 1956 the Town was incorporated by an Act of the Province which provided for an administrative board of seven commissioners, four appointed by the federal government and three by the Province. The object in establishing the Town was to provide municipal facilities to serve not only military personnel stationed at Camp Gagetown but a civilian population as well, in order to avoid the growth of a purely military community.