

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, May 15, 1928.

Pursuant to adjournment, and Notice, the Select Standing Committee on Industrial and International Relations, met this day at 11 a.m.

Mr. McIntosh (the Chairman) presiding.

Present: Messieurs: Bell, Grimmer, Johnstone (Cape Breton), Hall, Jenkins, Letellier, McMillan, St.-Père, Tolmie, Ross (Kingston City), Woodsworth, Hon. Peter Heenan and Miss Macphail—15.

Minutes of May 8th and 10th read and approved.

Mr. Howard T. Falk, Secretary, Montreal Council Social Service Agencies, called, sworn and examined. Witness discharged.

The Chairman informed the Committee that he desired to attend the sitting of another committee of the House for a short time, and on motion of Mr. McMillan it was,

Resolved, That Mr. Woodsworth act as Chairman during the absence of Mr. McIntosh.

At 11.40 a.m. Mr. McIntosh returned and resumed the chair.

The Committee proceeded to consider the draft report presented by the sub-committee appointed on May the 10th.

On motion of Miss Macphail,

Resolved, That the following be the third and final report:

WEDNESDAY, May 16th, 1928.

The Select Standing Committee on Industrial and International Relations begs leave to present the following as their

THIRD AND FINAL REPORT

Your Committee has had under consideration a Resolution, which was adopted by the House of Commons on March 21st, in the following terms:

That in the opinion of this House, the Committee on Industrial and International Relations be authorized to investigate and report on insurance against unemployment, sickness and invalidity.

Your Committee proceeded, as directed, to investigate the subject of insurance against unemployment, sickness and invalidity. The Assistant Deputy Minister of Labour, who was the first witness, presented memoranda of information dealing with the systems of insurance against unemployment, sickness and invalidity which exist in various countries, also a memorandum of information relative to systems of voluntary sickness insurance and benefits which have been developed in this country. The Director of the Employment Service of Canada furnished the Committee with an outline of the operations of the free employment offices which have been established by the Provincial Governments in sixty-four centres throughout the Dominion, and which are assisted by a Federal grant. Witnesses appeared before the Committee on behalf of organized labour, Public Welfare Associations, and the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, and expressed the views of their respective organizations on the subject matter of reference.

The Deputy Minister of Justice gave evidence on the question of the respective jurisdiction of the Dominion and Provincial Governments regarding unemployment, sickness and invalidity.