

THE SENATE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
EVIDENCE

OTTAWA, Thursday, June 3, 1965.

The Standing Committee on Finance, to which was referred the Estimates laid before Parliament for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1966, met this day at 11.30 p.m.

Senator T. D'Arcy Leonard in the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN: Honourable senators, it is 11:30 and we have a quorum.

There are one or two formal matters before we go on with the evidence. At the meeting last week, Dr. Geo. Davidson, Secretary of the Treasury Board, said that he would forward to us a list of the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Government Organization which have been approved by the Government.

He has filed that list with me; it is quite long. I think there are 25 to 30 recommendations. Subject to your pleasure I suggest that we have it printed as an appendix to the proceedings today. We can then study it, and if any questions arise we can ask them at a later date. Is that agreeable?

Some Hon. SENATORS: Agreed.

(See Appendix "A")

The CHAIRMAN: Perhaps we should note next that it is quite likely the Senate will not be sitting for the next two weeks. While we have the power to sit during recesses of the Senate, it would be my thought that we should not do so in the present circumstances. Is it agreeable that the committee not sit while the Senate is in recess?

Some Hon. SENATORS: Agreed.

The CHAIRMAN: We shall meet again at the call of the Chair.

Appearing before us today are representatives of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources. This group, which is available for questioning, is headed by Mr. J. A. MacDonald, Assistant Deputy Minister, who is appearing as the Acting Deputy of the Department.

I think our best procedure would be to follow the questions that have been handed to me by two of our senators, Senator Cameron and Senator Phillips. These questions have been relayed to Mr. MacDonald and he has the answers. I suggest that we start with Senator Cameron's first question. Mr. MacDonald can give the answer, and then supplementary questions can be asked. In this way we can proceed through the list of questions until we dispose of them all. Is that agreeable?

Some Hon. SENATORS: Agreed.

The CHAIRMAN: Then, Mr. MacDonald, would you proceed. We have not got copies of those questions before us.

Mr. J. A. MacDonald, Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources: I shall read out the questions and answers, if that is agreeable, Mr. Chairman. The first question reads:

How many superintendents (full time) of national parks are presently employed; what are their names, head offices, qualifications and salaries?