

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 11th February, 1926.

The Committee met at 10.30 a.m., Mr. Mercier, the Chairman, presiding.

Present: Messrs. Bell (Hamilton West), Bennett, Donaghy, Doucet, Elliott, Kennedy (Peace River), Mercier (St. Henri), St. Père, and Stevens, 9.

In attendance: Hon. G. H. Boivin, Minister of Customs and Excise, and Mr. Gagnon, counsel for Mr. Bisailon.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Chairman read a letter from the Merchants' Protective Association, Montreal, protesting against Mr. R. P. Sparks' claim to represent that body before the Committee, as announced in Montreal *Star* of 10th February.

Mr. Sparks, who was present, reminded the Committee that he had requested permission to be heard on behalf of the Commercial Protective Association, not the Merchants' Protective Association. (For this letter, etc., see Minutes of Evidence).

Hon. Mr. Stevens moved,—For the production of all correspondence passing between the Minister of Customs and the Civil Service Commission or between the Deputy Minister of Customs and the Civil Service Commission regarding the appointment and promotion of J. E. Bisailon, whether such correspondence is marked "Private" or otherwise, and of such other correspondence as may be on the files of the Civil Service Commission, the Minister of Customs, the Deputy Minister of Customs or of the Prime Minister of Canada regarding the promotion of the said Bisailon to the position of Chief Preventive Officer for the district of Montreal.

Motion agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Stevens moved,—That the Chief of the Passenger Traffic Department of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Canadian National Railways respectively, be requested to produce statements showing the amount of excess baggage handled and the amount collected on excess baggage during the past five years at Montreal and Toronto.

Motion agreed to.

Commissioner C. Starnes, R.C.M.P., produced some further files, as called for during his examination on the 10th instant.

Mr. R. R. Farrow, Deputy Minister of Customs and Excise, was called and sworn.

On motion of Mr. Donaghy,

*Resolved*, That it be a standing order of the Committee that in the absence of Mr. Geoffrion, counsel for the Department of Customs and Excise, Hon. Mr. Boivin may act in that capacity.