

Mr. BEAUDOIN: Couldn't that subject be left with the steering committee?

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Harris): I think that would be a good idea. The purpose of the suggestion is very sound. We want as much opportunity as possible to be given to the public to attend our sittings and to make representations. I had it in mind that the Minister would make a more formal statement about publicity at our next formal meeting. Our friends in the press could give publicity to our work. The steering committee could consider more direct methods and report to the next meeting.

Mr. McIVOR: The minds of most people are made up anyway, after the scintillating debate that we had in the Commons and after hearing the honourable member from Davenport. I think we pretty well know the feeling of nearly every section of Canada today on the flag question. To me it is quite clear that we want a flag.

Mr. HANSELL: If there were a general request made to everyone by means of publicity that they were welcome to send in ideas, wouldn't that get away from Mr. Reid's difficulty?

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Harris): Quite right. Before we adjourn, gentlemen, tentatively, could we have an expression of opinion about next Tuesday for a meeting date?

Mr. MACNICOL: I would agree on Tuesday, 4th December, 1945.

The committee agreed.

The committee adjourned at 10.40 a.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

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TUESDAY, December 4, 1945.

The Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons, appointed to consider and report upon a suitable design for a distinctive national flag for Canada, met this day at 4 o'clock, p.m. Honourable Senator Norman P. Lambert, Chairman of the Senate Section, presided.

Present:

The Senate: Honourable Senators Aseltine, David, Davies, Gershaw, Johnston, Lambert, Léger, Quinn, Robinson, White.

House of Commons: Messrs. Beaudoin, Blanchette, Castleden, Emmerson, Gingues, Gladstone, Hansell, Harris (*Grey-Bruce*), Herridge, LaCroix, Lafontaine, Macdonnell, MacNicol, Martin, Matthews (*Brandon*), McCulloch (*Pictou*), McIvor, Stanfield, Thatcher, Warren, Zaplitny.

In attendance: Colonel A. Fortescue Duguid, D.S.O., Army Historian, Department of National Defence (*Army*).

The Chairman, Honourable Senator Lambert, invited The Secretary of State, The Honourable Paul Martin, to address the Committee, and the Minister made a statement on behalf of the Government.

Thereafter, Colonel A. F. Duguid was called. The witness in his presentation dealt with the technical and historical aspects of the question under study.

At the conclusion of his address Colonel Duguid was thanked by The Honourable Mr. Martin on behalf of the members of the Joint Committee.

The Committee thereupon met in camera to consider its final Report which was unanimously adopted and ordered to be presented to both the Senate and the House of Commons.

At 6.15 o'clock, p.m., the Committee adjourned *sine die*.

ANTOINE CHASSE,

Clerk of the Joint Committee.