

ORDERS OF REFERENCE

THE SENATE,

Thursday, 13th February, 1947.

Ordered: That the Senate do unite with the House of Commons in the appointment of a Joint Committee of both Houses to continue and complete the examination and consideration begun by a Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons, pursuant to a resolution of the Senate of May 16, 1946, and continued by a Commission under the Inquiries Act, appointed by Order in Council P.C. 3797, dated the 11th day of October, 1946, of the Indian Act, Chapter 98, R.S.C. 1927, and amendments thereto, and to suggest such amendments as they may deem advisable, with authority to investigate and report upon Indian administration in general and, in particular, the following matters:

1. Treaty rights and obligations.
2. Band membership.
3. Liability of Indians to pay taxes.
4. Enfranchisement of Indians both voluntary and involuntary.
5. Eligibility of Indians to vote at Dominion elections.
6. The encroachment of white persons on Indian reserves.
7. The operation of Indian day and residential schools.
8. And any other matter or thing pertaining to the social and economic status of Indians and their advancement, which, in the opinion of such Committee, should be incorporated in the revised act.

That the following Senators be appointed to act on behalf of the Senate on the said Joint Committee, namely, the Honourable Senators: Blais, Dupuis, Fallis, Horner, Johnston, Macdonald (*Cardigan*), MacLennan, Nicol, Paterson, Robicheau, Stevenson and Taylor. (12).

That the records, exhibits and evidence received and taken by the Joint Committee during the last session of Parliament and by the Commission aforesaid, be made available to the said Joint Committee and made part of the records thereof.

That the said Committee have power to appoint from its members such subcommittees as may be deemed advisable or necessary to deal with specific phases of the problem aforesaid, with power to call for persons, papers and records, to examine witnesses under oath and to print such materials from day to day as may be ordered by the Committee for the use of the Committee and Members of the House of Commons and the Senate.

That a Message be sent to the House of Commons to inform that House accordingly.

THURSDAY, 6th March, 1947.

Ordered: That the quorum of the Committee be nine members.

Ordered: That authority be granted to the Senate section of the Joint Committee to sit during sittings and adjournments of the Senate.

Attest.

L. C. MOYER,

Clerk of the Senate.