

The CHAIRMAN: Let us find out how many members are interested in going.

Maybe I could bring this to the attention of the Minister; I do not think we have much time.

Mr. ROCK: I am not thinking of myself. I live in Lachine. I am thinking of the ones who do not live on the island of Montreal.

Mr. GROOS: These matters will be brought before the Veterans Affairs committee when they come to make their representations to us, so it is not so essential that we all be there for all meetings. I do think, however, it would be a good thing if we were able to put in an appearance, to show our interest and to establish contact for when they do come up here. I think if we were to go down there for the one day, without spending too much time, it would be sufficient.

The CHAIRMAN: How many are planning to attend the convention, or part of the convention?

The CLERK: Mr. Rock, Mr. Émard, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Clancy, Mr. Groos, Mr. Carter, Mr. Webb, Mr. MacRae, Mr. Matheson, Mr. Bigg and, naturally, the Chairman, Mr. Laniel.

The CHAIRMAN: You have Mr. Kennedy there?

The CLERK: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Is that 11?

The CLERK: Eleven, yes.

● (11:30 a.m.)

Mr. KENNEDY: Mr. Chairman, perhaps some of those who are going have already made reservations for space.

The CHAIRMAN: That is a point. I have here some forms which you may take to fill in. Owing to the short time we have available it might even be better to call down town at the Dominion Command in Ottawa. I have the phone number here.

Mr. KENNEDY: What I said was we already have confirmed reservations—at least, I have.

Mr. MACRAE: And so have I.

Mr. CLANCY: I have not, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: If there is anyone who is concerned about reservations please speak to me after the meeting so arrangements may be made.

Let us now pass to the subject of the council meeting of the World Veterans' Federation to be held in Toronto on May 1 to May 6. We are to receive an invitation to the opening ceremony on the Sunday evening. I think we will have time to talk about that at our first meeting after the recess to find out who is interested in going and to discuss details of transportation. This being a council meeting, we will not be invited to attend the deliberations; but it would be a good thing to have representation of the committee at the opening ceremony, and those members could then fly back to Ottawa. On May 4 there will be an official reception here given by the government for members of the