

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, December 6, 1951.

The Special Committee on Defence Expenditure met this day at 11 o'clock a.m. Mr. David A. Croll, Chairman, presided.

Members present: Messrs. Balcom, Blanchette, Campney, Cavers, Churchill, Croll, Drew, Gauthier (*Portneuf*), George, Henderson, James, Jones, Macdonnell (*Greenwood*), MacDougall, McCusker, McIlraith, Pinard, Power, Quelch, Stick and Wright (21).

In attendance:

From the *Department of Defence Production*: Mr. M. W. Mackenzie, Deputy Minister, Mr. T. N. Beaupre, Special Assistant, Mr. G. W. Hunter, Executive Assistant, and Miss Ruth E. Addison, Administrative Assistant.

From the *Department of Finance*: Mr. R. B. Bryce, Assistant Deputy Minister.

From the *Department of National Defence*: Mr. C. M. Drury, Deputy Minister, and A. S. Duncan, Deputy Minister's Secretariat.

The Comptroller of the Treasury, Mr. B. G. McIntyre.

As agreed at the last meeting, Mr. W. M. Mackenzie was called. He read a prepared statement and was questioned.

Copies of his brief (departmental chart attached) were distributed.

He filed with the Clerk for the information of the Committee two departmental documents identified as follows:

1. Manual of Departmental Procedure (Defence Production) for the guidance and instruction of the staff (to December 1, 1951).
2. Book of Standard Forms respecting contracts.

A discussion took place with respect to the tabling of information. It was agreed to follow the procedure in relation thereto decided upon at the first meeting of the Committee.

Mr. R. B. Bryce was then called. He made a brief statement on the role of the Treasury Board and the control of expenditure. He undertook to send copies of his statement for distribution.

Mr. Bryce also undertook to supply the names of those composing the Treasury Board.

A discussion arose as to the date of the next meeting.

After further discussion, Mr. Drew moved "that when the Committee rises this day, it stands adjourned until Friday, December 7, at 11 a.m."

The question being put, it was resolved in the negative.

The Chairman assured Mr. Drew that his request for an early meeting would be taken into consideration by the Sub-committee on Agenda.

At 1.20 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

ANTONIO PLOUFFE,
Clerk of the Committee.