

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, March 29, 1949.

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 11.00 o'clock a.m., the Chairman, Mr. L. Philippe Picard presiding.

Members present: Messrs. Benidickson, Bradette, Burton, Case, Cleaver, Cockeram, Cloutier, Croll, Dechene, Diefenbaker, Fleming, Fraser Gauthier (*Portneuf*), Golding, Green, Heon, Isnor, Jackman, Johnston, Jutras, Macdonnell (*Muskoka-Ontario*), Maybank, Murphy, Mutch, Nicholson, Picard, Pinard, Probe, Raymond (*Wright*), Richard (*Gloucester*), Richard (*Ottawa East*), Rinfret, Robinson, (*Simcoe East*), Sinclair, Stuart (*Charlotte*), Warren, Winkler, Young.

Mr. Warren moved that Mr. Isnor be appointed Vice-Chairman. At the request of Mr. Isnor, and by leave of the Committee, Mr. Warren withdrew his motion.

On motion of Mr. Fleming:

Resolved.—That Mr. Pinard be Vice-Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Cockeram:

Resolved.—That the Committee recommend that it be empowered to print, from day to day, 600 copies in English and 200 copies in French of its minutes of proceedings and evidence.

The Chairman read the Order of Reference.

On motion of Mr. Bradette:

Resolved.—That a subcommittee consisting of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and Messrs. Burton, Croll, Fleming, Marshall and Mutch be appointed to consider and report on all matters relating to procedure and agenda, and that, whenever made, any proposals concerning order of procedure in the Committee shall be referred to the subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure.

Mr. Macdonnell gave notice of the following motion:

That the Auditor General be asked to appear before the Committee and to give evidence particularly as to certain comments in his report, and that this be the first order of business.

Mr. Isnor gave notice of the following motion:

That the Auditor General be requested to prepare and present a statement to the Committee in respect to some matters which he considers important and particularly in respect to paragraph 100 (page 26) dealing with the decrease of the net debt for the fiscal year, the saving brought about for this particular period, and, as well, for the period from 1946 to 1948.

Mr. Probe gave notice of the following motion:

That this committee proceed with examination of administration of Indian Trust Funds, and that officers of Indian Affairs Branch be asked to prepare such material as the Committee may require to facilitate such examination.

Mr. Young gave notice of the following motion:

That this committee proceed with the examination of the contracts and accounts for coal used in the heating of public buildings owned or rented by the Federal Government.