

tention to this fact, which I think is very pertinent, that often many committees are called to meet at the same hour and hon. members in many cases are members of several committee. I think that is most unfair, and the matter should be looked into with a view to finding a time for the committees to meet so that hon. members can attend the various committees of which they are members, instead of having three or four committees meeting at the same time, which makes it impossible for the members to attend some of the committees.

Mr. VIEN: Mr. Speaker, I was going on to state when I was interrupted by my hon. friend, that some of the witnesses have expressed in their telegrams a desire to be able to return home the very same day. I might mention, for instance, Mr. Skelton Williams, who was formerly Comptroller of the Currency in the United States, and now of Richmond, Virginia. He was very willing to come voluntarily to give evidence before the committee, but at the same time he expressed a desire to be able to return home on the same day if possible.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I am not a member of the committee, Mr. Speaker, but I must be permitted to doubt the wisdom of the initial step of the committee in having witnesses come from the ends of the earth to advise us on banking matters. Still, it has been done, and as apparently it is only the intention to utilize the time of the House to hear these witnesses I withdraw my objection.

Mr. SPEAKER: By unanimous consent.

Motion agreed to.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Petitions were presented from certain members of the following congregations, severally praying that the proposed legislation incorporating the United Church of Canada be not enacted:—

Almerite Presbyterian Church,—Mr. Duff.

Presbyterian Church, Little Narrows; Presbyterian Church of Middle River and other places; Kennetcook Cor.; Presbyterian Church of Shubenacadie; Presbyterian Church of Gore and Kennetcook; Presbyterian Church of Elmsdale and Nine Mile River, all of Nova Scotia,—Mr. Martell.

Petitions were presented from certain members of the following congregations and bodies severally praying that the bill now before the House to incorporate the United Church

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of Canada be passed during the present session:—

Methodist Church, Allison, Ont.; Grace Methodist Church, Brampton, Ont.; Union Church, Foam Lake, Sask.; St. James Methodist Church, Peterboro, Ont.; Westminster Presbyterian Church, Saskatoon, Sask.; Methodist Church, Parry Sound, Ont.; Presbyterian Church, Cape John and Caribou, N.S.; Salem Church, Tupperville; Yonge Street Methodist Church, Toronto,—Mr. Hubbs.

Presbyterian Church, Rockwood, Ont.; Union Churches, Dinton and Gladys; Methodist Church, Mount Pleasant, Fairmont and Cavan, Ontario; Rivers Union Church, Pettapiece, Man.; Methodist Church, Kingston Mills, Ont.; Methodist Church, Selby; Union Church, Rossland, B.C.; Methodist Church, Renfrew, Ont.; Presbyterian Church, Grand Bend; Gray Church, Ricetown, Sask.; Methodist Church, Leamington; Methodist Churches, Clandeboye and Lucan, Ont.; Burns Presbyterian Church, Ashburn, Ont.; Union Church, Russell, Man.; First Congregational Church, Ottawa; Methodist Church, Bluevale, Ont.; Methodist Churches, Belgrave and Sunshine; Union Church, Macklim, Sask.; Methodist Churches, Bensfort, Baiteboro and Fraserville, Ont.—Mr. Halbert.

Quebec Association of Ministers and Churches of the Congregational Churches, Cowansville, Que.; St. John's Methodist Church, Winnipeg; College Avenue Methodist Church, Woodstock, Ont.; Presbyterian Church, Granum; Union Church, Lethbridge, Alta.; Methodist Church, Waterford, Ont.; Presbyterian Church, Kagawong, Ont.; Methodist Church, Caledon East, Ont.; Presbyterian Church, Fergus, Ont.; Presbyterian Church, Coniston, Ont.; Methodist Church, Beachburg, Ont.; Gordon Methodist Church, Winnipeg, Man.; M. Hackney and 65 others, Zephyr, Ont.; Methodist Church, East Angus, Que.; Presbyterian and Union Church, Ellsboro and Weldon, Sask.; Wesley Methodist Church, Selkirk, Man.; Methodist Church, Roblin, Ont.—Mr. Brown.

Presbyterian Churches at Cyde, Pibroch and Westlock, Alta.; United Church, Edson, Alta.; Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Edmonton South, Alta.; Methodist Church, Salmon Arm, B. C.; Union Church, Minitonas, Man.; Methodist Church, Oak Bay, N.B.; United Church, Gallivan and Rockhaven, Sask.; United Church, Topley and Foresdale, B.C.; Union Church, Smithers, B.C.; Union Church, Peachland, B.C.; Presbyterian Church, Pelly and Norquay, Sask.; Presbyterian Church, Bellmuir; Methodist Church, Dauphin, Man.; Union Church, Lillooet, B.C.; Presbyterian Church, Success, Sask.;