

The Chairman: We have had a very long session. Are there any other points that the members of the committee would like to raise, since we have Mr. MacNeil here today? When we adjourn the meeting, this does not mean that we will not be able to call on Mr. MacNeill again.

Perhaps we will say this to you, first of all, Mr. MacNeill: Thank you very much. You have really helped us immeasurably I am sure the fact that you have come here has given a real lift to the work of this committee. We think we are now on the right road, any you have helped put us there.

Mr. MacNeill: Thank you very much for calling me up here, Mr. Chairman. Remember this: I am still an honorary officer of this house.

The Chairman: I know; that is true.

I think that our next witness should be Miss Milne, and, after Miss Milne, somebody from the Department of Public Works.

When Miss Milne talks to us she will be talking primarily about the windows themselves, and the parts of that project that we will want to know as much about as possible. We are going to have to make up our minds, after we listen to her, what we are going to do about the question of theme, and Miss Milne is bound to be discussing theme with us. She will be discussing artistry, installation, and that kind of thing, but theme is going to be of paramount importance. I hope, therefore, that the members of the committee, even those who are not here today but who will be reading these proceedings, will help all of us to work out solutions for the handling of that aspect of our work.

I have here a copy of a letter that I wrote to the Minister of Public Works on January 20, and a reply from him that was delayed for various reasons but which reached me on April 8, in which he encourages the work of this committee and refers to certain aspects of it. I can hand these copies to the members of the committee who are here, but to make them available to all members of the committee, I would like a motion that the two letters be printed in the record of our proceedings of today, so that they will then be available to all of us.

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

(For text of letters, see Appendix "A" p. 17)

The Chairman: Perhaps we will be able to have another meeting, with Miss Milne, next week, but I will just have to watch and see what the program is for the other committees.

Senator Quart: There are one or two things I would like to bring up. First, do you not think that Mr. MacNeill and, of course, Mr. Fortier, who is with us at all times, should sit in on these meetings for a while?

The Chairman: That is an excellent suggestion, but I feel we should not impose on him.

Senator Quart: Perhaps we should impose on him; I am sure he would like to come.

The Chairman: We will make sure that Mr. MacNeill gets copies of the proceedings.

Senator Quart: We can let him know what is going on.

The Chairman: We will see to it that he gets a copy of the notice of each meeting. If he wants to come, fine; but I am sure he will want to read all about the events here, and we may be calling him back too, Senator Quart.

Senator Fergusson: He will have to be made an honorary member of the committee, just as he is an honorary officer of the Senate.

The Chairman: Well, he would then be disqualified as a witness, so we cannot make him an honorary member of the committee.

Senator Quart: Perhaps he could be an observer.

The Chairman: Well, he is an observer.

Senator Quart: I was going to ask about openings of Parliament, and other functions of the Senate, when we are short of space. Do we not have monitors in the antechamber, where we put extra seats?

Mr. Fortier: Yes. For at least the last two openings we had closed-circuit television, and we had seats not only in the antechamber but also in the foyer. There were quite a number of persons there.

Senator Fergusson: Even so, there is not much room.

Senator Quart: I know, but it is better than nothing. In the antechamber, of course, you cannot see very much. However, Miss Milne, did I understand you to say that these glass panels could be removed?

The Chairman: They can be. They have been removed many times.

Miss Milne: There is one thing, Mr. Chairman. I do not know whether this is appropriate or not, but the Department of Public Works has asked me more than once to try to solve these problems that we have been discussing this morning, and I have information that I could give you if you need it.

Senator Fergusson: That is very good.

The Chairman: Well, perhaps you would make a note of these points, Miss Milne, and perhaps you could just list them when you make an opening statement to us, as our two witnesses have this morning.

Miss Milne: Very well.

The Chairman: Then we will not forget in that cases, to ask you questions about them. Miss Milne cannot be here on Wednesday of next week, but she will be our next witness.

I will now entertain a motion to adjourn.

Senator Beaubien: I so move.

The committee adjourned.