

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, March 14, 1955.

The Special Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 10.30 o'clock a.m. this day. Mr. Walter A. Tucker, Chairman, presided.

Members present: Messrs. Balcom, Bennett (*Grey North*), Brooks, Cardin, Carter, Cavers, Croll, Dinsdale, Enfield, Gauthier (*Portneuf*), Gillis, Goode, Green, Hahn, Harkness, Henderson, Herridge, Jones, MacDougall, Pearkes, Philpott, Quelch, Roberge, Weaver and Weselak.

In attendance: The Honourable Hugues Lapointe, Minister of Veterans Affairs, and the following departmental officials: Mr. G. L. Lalonde, Acting Deputy Minister; Mr. G. H. Parliament, Director General of Welfare Services; Mr. J. L. Melville, Chairman of the Canadian Pension Commission; Colonel F. J. G. Garneau, Chairman, War Veterans Allowance Board; Mr. F. L. Barrow, Secretary; Mr. W. Gordon Gunn, Q.C., Director of Legal Services; Mr. E. J. Rider, Research Adviser, and Mr. C. N. Knight, Director, Social Services Division. Mr. T. D. Anderson, Dominion Secretary and Mr. D. M. Thompson, Director of Service Bureau of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., and Mr. J. B. Bowler, C.B.E., Ministry Representative of the British Ministry of Pensions.

Also the following representatives of the National Council of Veteran Associations in Canada: Major A. J. Wickens, President, and Mr. J. P. Nevins, Secretary, of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada; Messrs. K. E. Butler, A. J. Parsons, A. Bell and A. Piper, of the War Amputations of Canada; Messrs. F. Woodcock, W. Mayne, D. Ferguson and W. Dies, of Sir Arthur Pearson Association of War Blinded; Mr. A. E. Lanning of the Canadian Corps Association; Mr. A. T. Pollock of the War Pensioners of Canada, and Mr. J. A. L. Robichaud, of the Canadian Paraplegic Association.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill No. 164, An Act to amend the War Veterans Allowance Act, 1952.

The Chairman presented the First Report of the Sub-committee on Agenda and Procedure as follows:

Your Sub-committee met at 4.15 o'clock p.m. Friday, March 11th, with the following members present: Messrs. Bennett, Brooks, Green, Quelch and Tucker, and agreed to recommend:

- (a) That the Committee hear the Non-Pensioned Veterans' Widows Association on Tuesday, March 15th at 3.30 o'clock p.m.,
- (b) That the Committee hear departmental officials and proceed with a clause by clause consideration of Bill No. 164 on Monday, March 21st at 10.30 o'clock a.m.,
- (c) That the Chairman be authorized to order the printing of such additional copies, of the day to day Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, over and above the numbers already approved by the Committee on March 9th as he may deem necessary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

On motion of Mr. Croll, the said report was adopted.