

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

THE SENATE,

June 11, 1946.

The Special Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons appointed to examine and consider the Indian Act, met this day at 11 o'clock a.m. Mr. D. F. Brown, M.P., (Joint Chairman) presided.

The CHAIRMAN: There are some preliminary matters we have to deal with before hearing further witnesses. I should like to call on Mr. Bryce to read the report of the subcommittee on agenda and procedure.

Mr. BRYCE:

MONDAY, 10th June, 1946.

The subcommittee on agenda and procedure met this day at 4.00 p.m.

Present: Messrs. D. F. Brown, Joint Chairman, and Messrs. Gibson, Harkness and Bryce.

In attendance: The Honourable the Minister of Mines and Resources (Hon. J. A. Glen) and W. J. F. Pratt.

1. The subcommittee considered the notices of motion

(a) Mr. Castleden (Minutes, 30th May, page ix);

(b) Mr. MacNicol (Minutes, 6th June, page iv);

Tabled for further consideration, but in meantime Secretary of Committee will take up by correspondence after consultation with Director of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

(c) Mr. Case. (Minutes, 6th June, page iv);

Same as under (b).

2. It was agreed that the committee would hear Major McKay, Commissioner Indian Affairs, B.C., who would complete his statement without interruption, then he would be questioned.

He would be followed by the Inspector for Ontario, Mr. W. S. Arniel. If any time remain tomorrow, June 11, the committee would hear some officers from the Trusts and Reserves Division of the Indian Affairs Branch.

3. The dates for hearing representatives of the North American Brotherhood of Indians, and other organized bodies of Indians will be a matter for consideration at a later meeting of this subcommittee.

4. It was agreed that the House of Commons Chairman, Mr. Brown, take up immediately with the Clerk of the House of Commons the matter of a permanent committee room for this committee which could also be used as office space for the committee counsel.

5. The Clerk of the Joint Committee will arrange by telephone or other means to have Mr. Lickers present in Ottawa for the meeting of the committee tomorrow, Tuesday, 11th June.

The subcommittee adjourned at 5.45 p.m. to meet again at the call of the chair.