

which we have to attend by correspondence. Consequently, I think in fairness to the members of the committee, we should not meet so early that we could not serve our constituencies in that part of our business which must be done by correspondence. In any case, I think we should not meet before ten-thirty in the morning.

The CHAIRMAN: I appreciate that, Mr. MacInnis.

Mr. BEAUDRY: I am in agreement with Mr. MacInnis on some points. I can see his reason, to some extent, for speaking as he did but, on the other hand, I believe our duty in this instance extends a bit beyond our responsibility to our immediate constituencies. I imagine that in the course of the business of this committee as it will develop, we shall have a great many dealings with business people throughout Canada. I think for the sake of those people, for ourselves and for the sake of celerity of the work of this committee we should contemplate, whenever it is humanly possible, commencing our sittings before ten-thirty.

I will defer to the wish of the majority of the committee but I, personally, should like to see the committee start earlier than ten-thirty every morning.

Mr. FLEMING: May I suggest we confine this part of our discussion to the time we shall meet tomorrow morning because this matter will have to be considered by the steering committee. We may have to leave our plans in a fluid state until we see how the work of the committee is shaping up. It seems to me we shall do well at tomorrow morning's session to dispose of the report of the steering committee. I do not think we shall be in a position to call witnesses, but that is a matter which can be left to the steering committee at this meeting you propose calling this evening.

The CHAIRMAN: I believe Mr. Fleming's suggestion, for the time being, is a good one. If we are to fix an hour for tomorrow's meeting, would ten o'clock be a suitable hour? You said ten-thirty, did you not, Mr. MacInnis?

Mr. CLEAVER: I will second the motion for ten-thirty tomorrow.

The CHAIRMAN: Those in favour of meeting tomorrow morning at ten-thirty subject to correction?

Mr. IRVINE: You mean you might alter that hour at tonight's meeting?

Mr. FLEMING: I think you ought to set it at ten-thirty for tomorrow's meeting.

The CHAIRMAN: The meeting is adjourned, then, until ten-thirty tomorrow morning. The subcommittee will meet immediately.

Mr. CLEAVER: Before we adjourn, may I suggest that if there are any members here who are not on the steering committee who have suggestions to make to the steering committee, I am sure it will be appreciated if those suggestions are made now.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, I agree. In any event, no matter what the steering committee does, this committee is the master of its own destiny and can do whatever it wishes.

I would suggest that the steering committee meet in my office immediately after we adjourn.

The committee adjourned at 8.30 p.m. to meet again at 10.30 a.m. Wednesday, February 11, 1948.

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