

Mr. MACNICOL: I suggested that the number be a thousand in English and, say, four hundred in French.

Hon. Mr. LAMBERT: Subject to increase, if necessary.

Mr. BEAUDOIN: Is that proportion of English to French definitely established?

Mr. MACNICOL: No. There are always more required in English than there are in French.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Harris): I take it that the sense of the committee is that we increase the original five hundred and two hundred to one thousand and four hundred. All those in favour? Opposed?

(Carried).

Now, will somebody move that we appoint a steering committee?

Mr. MACNICOL: Do you think we should have a steering committee for each section, or a joint steering committee, of so many from the Senate and so many from the House of Commons?

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Harris): It can be a single committee made up of members from both Houses.

Mr. MACNICOL: No, I mean seven, outside of the two chairmen.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Harris): The suggestion is that the steering committee consist of the two chairmen, ex-officio, plus seven members with a division of four to the House of Commons and three to the Senate. I am thinking of the committee there rather than of the House.

Hon. Mr. LAMBERT: Five and two would be better I think.

Mr. MACNICOL: The steering committee should be picked by the two chairmen.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Harris): Will you move that?

Mr. MACNICOL: I do so move.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Harris): You have all heard the motion. All those in favour? Contrary minded?

(Carried).

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Harris): Do you want the names of the steering committee now?

Mr. MACNICOL: I think we should leave it to the two chairmen to think it over.

Hon. Mr. LAMBERT (Chairman of the Senate Section): Yes, and announce the names at the next meeting, five from the House of Commons and two from the Senate, in addition to the two chairmen.

Hon. Mr. GERSHAW: There is great interest being taken in the flag throughout Canada by a great many organizations. It occurred to me that it might be a suitable move to suggest that any organization be privileged to send in a design with representations by letter to this committee so that it would be generally thought that everyone was privileged to have a part in the choosing of the flag.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: I think it should not only be a privilege but I think they should be invited to do so. I think that all organizations that we could contact should be invited and encouraged to send in their ideas so that the Canadian people themselves may feel that they are choosing their own flag and that this committee is just screening out the ideas.

Mr. REID: Let us get it clear. If we are going to contact organizations we are just running into a mess of trouble. If we ask some organizations, there will be other organizations raising particular cain because they were not contacted.