MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

House of Commons, Committee Room No. 101,

Tuesday, May 5, 1914.

The Special Committee appointed to meet with a similar Committee of the Senate, to consider Senate Bill B 2, intituled: "An Act to consolidate and amend The Railway Act," met for organization.

The members who answered the call were:-

Messieurs Armstrong (Lambton), Bennett (Calgary), Blain, Carroll, Emmerson, Graham, Lancaster, Lemieux, Macdonell, Maclean (York), McKay, Nesbitt, Reid (Grenville), Sinclair and Sutherland.

On motion of Mr. Reid (Grenville),

Mr. Armstrong (Lambton) was chosen Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Attest,

N. ROBIDOUX, Clerk of Committee.

House of Commons, Committee Room No. 211, Wednesday, May 6, 1914.

The Committee met.

PRESENT.—Messieurs Armstrong (Lambton), in the chair; Blain, Carroll, Carvell, Emmerson, McKay, Nesbitt and Sutherland.

The Chairman reported his conference had with the Chairman of the Senate Committee about the procedure to be followed on the Bill, and consequently offered the following suggestions:—

1. That the Committee do ask for leave to sit while the House is in session, and when the House is adjourned; and that their Quorum be reduced to nine members.

2. That the evidence and proceedings be printed.

3. That the railway and marine representatives be requested to prepare in condensed form the views, suggestions and amendments they wish to put forward in connection with the Bill.

These suggestions were approved by the Committee. Mr. Emmerson made the following suggestions:—

1. That the quorum of the joint meetings of the two Committees be reduced to fifteen members.

2. That the date of the meetings should not conflict with any important legislation

going on in the House.

3. That at a joint meeting, the Bill should be taken up clause by clause and all unopposed sections be passed, and that the members should be invited to send their proposed amendments in to the Clerk in order that the same be printed as Notices of Motions.

Mr. Carvell suggested that a certain number of copies of the Bill be reprinted showing in italics the amendments made by the compiler to the old Acts as well as the new matter, if any.

These suggestions were also approved by the Committee.

The Committee then adjourned to meet jointly next Tuesday, 12th instant, with the Senate Committee.

Attest,

N. ROBIDOUX, Clerk of Committee.