

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, April 28, 1952.

The Sessional Committee on Railways and Shipping owned, operated and controlled by the Government met at 11.00 o'clock a.m., this day.

*Members present:* Messrs. Benidickson, Carter, Cleaver, Fulton, George, Gillis, Helme, James, Macdonald (*Edmonton East*), Macdonnell (*Greenwood*), McCulloch, McLure, Mott, Mutch, Pouliot.

*In attendance:* The Hon. L. Chevrier, Minister of Transport; and Mr. Donald Gordon, Chairman and President; Mr. S. F. Dingle, Vice-president (Operations); Mr. T. V. Gracey, Comptroller; Mr. T. H. Cooper, Vice-president (Accounting); all of the Canadian National Railways.

The Clerk of the Committee invited nominations for the election of a chairman.

Mr. Macdonald (*Edmonton East*) moved, seconded by Mr. Mott, that Mr. Cleaver be elected chairman.

The question being put, Mr. Cleaver was unanimously elected and took the chair.

On motion of Mr. Macdonnell (*Greenwood*),

*Resolved*,—That the Committee recommend to the House that its quorum be reduced from thirteen to eight Members.

On motion of Mr. Macdonald (*Edmonton East*),

*Resolved*,—That the Committee recommend to the House that it be granted permission to sit while the House is sitting.

On motion of Mr. McLure,

*Resolved*,—That the Committee recommend to the House that it be empowered to print, from day to day, 1,000 copies in English and 200 copies in French of its minutes of proceedings and evidence.

On motion of Mr. Fulton,

*Resolved*,—That Mr. McCulloch be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee then commenced a study of the annual report of the Canadian National Railways (1951).

Mr. Donald Gordon was called and read an introductory statement to the annual report of the Canadian National Railways (1951).

On motion of Mr. Fulton,

*Resolved*,—That the reading of the annual report by Mr. Gordon be dispensed with and that the said annual report be printed as part of today's evidence.

The Committee then commenced a detailed study of the annual report.

After some discussion and several questions being directed to Mr. Gordon, the Committee agreed to rescind its previous decision and have Mr. Gordon read the annual report.

Mr. Gordon proceeded with the reading of the annual report.

The Committee then commenced a detailed study of the annual report, during which questions were directed to the Hon. Mr. Chevrier and Mr. Gordon. Mr. Gordon was assisted by Mr. Cooper, Mr. Gracey and Mr. Dingle.

At 1.00 o'clock p.m. the examination of Mr. Gordon still continuing the Committee adjourned to meet again at the call of the Chair.