

EVIDENCE

TUESDAY, May 9, 1961.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, I see a quorum. We shall proceed. You will recall that at the close of the last meeting I asked the members of the steering committee to remain while we discussed some of the problems that were likely to come before the committee during this session.

Among other things discussed were the hours of sitting of this committee. And to make a long story short, upon the motion of Mr. Kucherepa, seconded by Mr. Herridge, it was resolved that the committee hold its further meetings on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursday, at one o'clock p.m. This was carried.

The subcommittee also agreed to send letters to the Revelstoke board of trade, and the Arrowhead water resources committee informing them that the committee will be pleased to hear their representations after the Columbia river treaty has been referred to the committee by the house.

This is the report to this committee from your subcommittee on agenda and procedure. This subcommittee met on Wednesday, May 3rd, and agreed to present the following report to the committee.

Your subcommittee recommends that the committee hold its future meetings on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, at 1:00 o'clock p.m., until such time as it has disposed of its business.

If the committee is agreeable to this, will someone please make a motion to that effect?

Mr. McCLEAVE: Was this a unanimous recommendation?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes indeed.

Mr. HERRIDGE: I must explain that the record of the proceedings is quite correct, but that since that meeting I have changed my opinion about the meetings at 1:00 o'clock.

Mr. VIVIAN: You have asked for a mover and a seconder of the motion?

The CHAIRMAN: I have.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): I would like to have the floor first.

The CHAIRMAN: There is a motion before the committee. It is moved by Dr. Vivian, and seconded by Mr. Mandziuk.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): With regard to this matter, I have some observations to make on it which are in no sense acrimonious. We have always in this committee been able, under your chairmanship, to arrange our deliberations in such a way as to provide a minimum of inconvenience to the members of the committee. I have no quarrel with you, personally, or with any member of the steering committee.

But I do want to register what I think is a justified objection to this procedure. What I shall say will not apply to one party, but to all, because we are all faced with a very heavy agenda, as members of the House of Commons.

This is an important committee, and we want to do our work well and thoroughly. I think it is impossible for us to do our work on this committee with the kind of care that we should like to give it when we are so pressed in regard to the committees which are sitting during normal hours in the morning,