

## EVIDENCE

MONDAY, December 16, 1963.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we have a quorum.

This evening, in the absence of Mr. Norman Robertson who went to Paris with the minister, we have with us Mr. Marcel Cadieux, deputy undersecretary of state for external affairs and legal adviser. Mr. Cadieux will do his best to answer any questions you might wish to ask in respect of the estimates of external affairs with which we are dealing.

Mr. GELBER: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a correction in our Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence of Tuesday, December 3, and Thursday, December 5, at page 38. This occurs near the middle of the page in the second sentence of my question on that page. The words "and our most compelling" are omitted. It should read:

We all recognize we have many compelling engagements in peacetime and our most compelling is our NATO commitment.

In the next sentence it reads: "with the abuse of Britain". It should read: "with the exclusion of Britain".

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Gelber.

I will now call item 5:

5. Representation Abroad—Operational—including authority, notwithstanding the Civil Service Act, for the appointment and fixing of salaries of high commissioners, ambassadors, ministers plenipotentiary, consuls, secretaries and staff by the governor in council .....\$13,210,000

Item agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN: On item 10:

10. Representation Abroad—Construction, acquisition or improvement of buildings, works, land, equipment and furnishings, and to the extent that blocked funds are available for these expenditures, to provide for payment from these foreign currencies owned by Canada and provided only for governmental or other limited purposes .....\$2,493,800

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: I would like to know when it is proposed to go ahead with the new high commissioner's office in New Delhi.

Mr. MARCEL CADIEUX (*Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs and Legal Adviser*): The plans have been prepared for the construction of the compound there. They are under review now. We hope to submit proposals to the government within the next few months.

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: Has there been an architect appointed and if so, would he be an architect of the Department of Public Works?

Mr. CADIEUX: An architect has been selected and he will be asked to review the plans because of the interval which has taken place since they were submitted to the government for approval in principle. The selection of the architect is done on the advice of the special group under the chairmanship of the chief architect of the Department of Public Works.