

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THE SENATE,

Thursday, 13th June, 1946.

The Special Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons appointed to examine and consider the Indian Act (Chapter 98, R.S.C., 1927), and all such other matters as have been referred to the said Committee met this day at 11 o'clock a.m. Mr. D. F. Brown, M.P., Joint Chairman, presided. *Present: The House of Commons:* The Honourable Mr. Stirling and Messrs. Blackmore, Brown, Bryce, Case, Charlton, Farquhar, Gariépy, Gibson (*Comox-Alberni*), Harkness, MacNicol, MacLean, Matthews (*Brandon*), Raymond (*Wright*), and Stanfield.—15.

In attendance: (Department of Mines and Resources); Messrs. W. J. F. Pratt; R. A. Hoey, Director, Indian Affairs Branch; Eric Acland, Executive Assistant to Director; Major D. M. MacKay, Commissioner for Indian Affairs, British Columbia; W. S. Arniel, Inspector of Indian Agencies for Ontario.

Also, Mr. Norman E. Lickers, Barrister, Counsel for the Special Joint Committee and Liaison Officer.

Mr. R. A. Hoey filed copies of the complete Report of Indian Affairs Branch for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1945, as a supplement to the statement made by him to the Committee on May 30th last. (Printed herewith as Appendix G.)

The Chairman announced that the subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure would meet at 11 o'clock a.m., Friday, 14th June, in Room 677, House of Commons.

It was agreed that the Committee would meet twice on Tuesday, 18th June and once on Thursday, 20th June next.

Major D. M. MacKay, Commissioner for Indian Affairs, British Columbia, was recalled and questioned by the Committee and by Mr. Lickers.

The Committee adjourned at 1 o'clock p.m., to meet again on Tuesday, 18th June next, at 11 o'clock a.m.

T. L. McEVOY,
Clerk of the Joint Committee.