

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, April 28, 1955.

The Special Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 10.30 o'clock a.m. this day. Mr. Walter A. Tucker, chairman, presided.

Members present: Messrs. Balcom, Bennett (*Grey North*), Brooks, Carter, Croll, Dinsdale, Forgie, Gauthier (*Portneuf*), Gillis, Goode, Green, Hahn, Hanna, Harkness, Hosking, MacDougall, Murphy (*Westmorland*), Philpott, Quelch, Roberge, Weaver, Weselak and White (*Hastings-Frontenac*).

In attendance: The Honourable Hugues Lapointe, Minister of Veterans Affairs; Mr. G. H. Parliament, Director General, Veterans' Welfare Services; and Mr. T. D. Anderson, Dominion Secretary, Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.

The Committee proceeded to consider Bill No. 278, An Act to amend the Veterans Benefit Act, 1954.

The Chairman presented the Fourth Report of the Sub-committee on Agenda and Procedure as follows:

Your Sub-committee met at 2.15 o'clock p.m. on Friday, April 1, 1955, with the following members present: Messrs. Brooks, Gillis, MacDougall, Roberge and Tucker, and agreed to recommend:

That the Committee meet at the call of the Chair after the Easter recess to consider Bill No. 278, An Act to amend the Veterans Benefit Act, 1954, when it shall have been referred to the Committee, and to hear the Canadian Legion in regard to the said bill, and

That, as the Committee has already reported Bill No. 164, An Act to amend the War Veterans Allowance Act, 1952, to the House, the Federation of British Canadian Veterans of Canada be not asked to appear before the Committee but advised that if they desired to submit a written brief it would be laid before the Committee before it made its final report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

On motion of Mr. Croll, the said report was adopted.

Mr. Anderson was called, presented a brief of the Canadian Legion, was questioned thereon and retired.

The Honourable Mr. Lapointe explained the application of the bill and answered questions thereon.

The Chairman laid on the Table a brief of the Federation of British Canadian Veterans of Canada in regard to matters of veterans' legislation. The Chairman read paragraph 6 of the brief concerning the Veterans Benefit Act.

Ordered,—That the said brief be printed as an appendix to this day's minutes of proceedings and evidence.

The Committee considered Bill No. 278, clause by clause.

Clauses 1 and 2, the preamble and the title were carried; the bill was carried.

Ordered,—That the Chairman report the said bill to the House without amendment.

The Committee continued its sitting *in camera*.

Following debate, on motion of Mr. Quelch,