MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

(ORGANIZATION MEETING.)

House of Commons, Room 318. THURSDAY, April 18, 1918.

The Committee met at 2.30 o'clock, p.m.

Members present.—Messieurs Cronyn, Green, Lapointe (St. James), Nesbitt, Nickle, McCurdy, Redman and Rowell.-8.

Mr. Nickle moved that Hon. N. W. Rowell be chairman of the committee. - Motion unanimously agreed to.

The chairman read the Order of Reference which had been passed by the House on April 10, and the committee proceeded to discuss the scope of the enquiry ordered, relating to the Pension Board and Pension Regulations, as set forth in the said Order of Reference.

Copies of the Report of the Committee on Soldiers' Pensions, 1916; also copies of Report on Returned Soldiers, 1917, Pension Regulations, 1917, Pension List of February, 1916, and Order in Council, P.C. 462, dated 22nd March, 1918, were produced and ordered distributed to each member of the Committee.

The clerk of the committee was instructed to request the attendance of Mr. Kenneth Archibald of the Pension Board for next meeting; also, Mr. Norman Knight of the Great War Veterans' Association, and a representative of the Army and Navy Veterans' Association.

The chairman proposed that Hon. Mr. McCurdy be vice-chairman of the committee, which was unanimously approved.

The committee then adjourned until Wednesday, 24th April at 10 o'clock, a.m.

V. CLOUTIER,

Clerk

N. W. ROWELL. Chairman.

House of Commons, Room 318, WEDNESDAY, April 24, 1918.

The committee met at 10 o'clock, a.m., the chairman, Hon. N. W. Rowell, presiding.

Members present.—Messieurs Cronyn, Green, Lapointe (St. James), Nesbitt, Nickle, McCurdy, Redman, Ross and Rowell.—9.

The minutes of proceedings of last meeting were read and adopted.

The chairman read communications received from the Canadian Institute for the Blind and from the Mayor of the city of Lindsay, Ont., which were ordered referred to the Board of Pension Commissioners, and requesting an immediate report thereon; also, copies of Order in Counci, P.C. 432, 433 and 434, dated 21st February, 1918.

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