

## EVIDENCE

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Tuesday October 22, 1968.

● 1123

**The Vice-Chairman:** Gentlemen, now we have a quorum and I will open the meeting.

It is my pleasure to introduce to you, gentlemen, the members of the Canada Council who are here as our witnesses this morning. I will ask Mr. Martineau to introduce his colleagues in a few minutes.

Mr. Reid is absent today. He is representing the Minister somewhere and he has asked me to take his place.

Your Steering Committee had a meeting the other day and I have been asked to give you the first report of the Committee on Agenda and Procedure, which reads: (*See Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence*).

I ask for a formal motion to approve this report.

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**Mr. Osler:** I so move.

**Mr. Gervais:** I second the motion.

Motion agreed to.

**The Vice-Chairman:** As I told you a few minutes ago, today we are considering with the present delegation the estimates of the Canada Council.

I have another announcement. Your Steering Committee has prepared an agenda. On Tuesday, October 22, today, the Canada Council will be our witnesses. On Thursday, October 24, we will have the National Arts Centre. On Tuesday, October 29, and Thursday, October 31, we will have the Minister, Mr. Pelletier. I think you have a copy of this agenda as well as some literature which has been distributed to you on the Canada Council.

I will now call on Mr. Martineau to please introduce his colleagues to this Committee and then make a general statement.

[*Interpretation*]

**Mr. Jean Martineau (Chairman of the Canada Council):** Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen, we are very happy of this opportunity to meet

with you and to explain to you in as much detail as you wish the extremely interesting work we are performing, interesting but difficult. But before doing so, may I introduce my colleagues. . .

[*English*]

To my right is Mr. Boucher, the director. Then Mr. Peter Dwyer, the associate director. Then the assistant director, Mr. Milligan, and Mr. Fortier, who is the assistant director and treasurer.

It may be difficult to tell you exactly what the Council does. It seems that at times there are misunderstandings as to its function. This is why we always look forward to meeting all of you and trying to explain as best we can—and I think we can do it quite well—the way we proceed, what we do and the aim we try to attain.

We missed the annual meeting last year, for reasons which you may be able to guess, but before that we attended every year and I think the meetings were most satisfactory on both sides. One reads this or that in the newspaper but one does not really know how the thing is done, and this is what we would like you to find out today.

May I ask the director, who knows more about these figures than I do because he spends his life with the Council, to tell you in a few words about our system.

**The Vice-Chairman:** Go ahead, please.

**Mr. Jean Boucher (Director, The Canada Council):** Mr. Chairman, I thought it would be helpful for you if we quickly situated the amount of the present vote—the \$20,600,000 which is requested from the House—in the total financial picture of the Council, because the Council by no means uses only that amount. If I may just briefly take you back to what has happened over the past two or three years.

First of all, perhaps I should tell you that the Council has two major financial operations. One is being wound up at the moment