Members present: Messrs. Anderson, Baldwin, Bell (Carleton), Benidickson, Best, Bissonnette, Bourdages, Bourget, Broome, Carter, Cathers, Fairfield, Fortin, Grafftey, Hellyer, Hicks, Howe, Macnaughton, McDonald, McGrath, McIlraith, McMillan, More, Nesbitt, Payne, Pugh, Small, Smallwood, Smith (Calgary South), Tassé, Thompson, and Winch.

In attendance: From the Department of National Revenue: Hon. George C. Nowlan, Minister; Mr. David Sim, Deputy Minister of Customs and Excise; Mr. R. C. Labarge, Assistant Deputy Minister of Customs and Excise; and Mr. J. G. Howell, Assistant Deputy Minister of Administration. Mr. G. L. Bennett, Director of Port Administration; Mr. A. Cumming, Administration Officer.

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Benidickson,

Resolved,—That, pursuant to its Order of Reference of February 16, 1959, the Committee print 750 copies in English and 200 copies in French of its Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence relating to the Estimates of the Department of National Revenue.

The Chairman made a few preliminary remarks in the course of which he requested Committee members to assist him in keeping the questioning on an orderly basis by completing the study of a particular question before turning to a new matter.

The Committee proceeded to its consideration of the Estimates, of the Department of National Revenue for the year 1959-60.

Item numbered 254—General Administration, Customs and Exise—was called.

The Minister introduced the Departmental officials, and he then read a prepared statement concerning the work of the Customs and Excise Division of his department. He was questioned on that statement and on other related matters.

At 12.00 noon the Committee adjourned until 10.30 a.m. Thursday, March 5, 1959.

E. W. Innes, Clerk of the Committee.