

the engagements of members permit we should try to meet on Wednesdays. It was felt, however, that we should definitely meet Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

It was pointed out that many members might have engagements next Monday and for that reason next week we will sit on Tuesday and Thursday, but not on Monday. Perhaps a meeting could be arranged for Wednesday. But beginning with the following week we will sit on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and Wednesday if possible. I think I am stating the opinion of the steering committee in that regard. I wonder what you think about it.

Mr. WHITMAN: Mr. Chairman, I think it is a good idea to have three meetings a week, but Monday is a very bad day especially for members coming from Montreal. The Montreal train does not get in here until 11.30 o'clock in the morning and you would have to get along without the Montreal members on Monday mornings. I just wanted to point that out, that is all.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any other comments on the proposal?

Mr. QUELCH: I move the adoption of the report of the steering committee.

Mr. JUTRAS: I would be glad to second the motion.

Motion agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN: Now, in regard to the business before the committee: The steering committee thought that the Minister's statement might call for some questions and some discussion. After that it was thought that we should proceed with the bill in regard to war service gratuities. Then the question came up of hearing representations from returned soldier organizations, and it was thought that all returned soldier organizations should be advised of the setting up of the committee and terms of reference, and asked if they wish to make representations. That was the thought of the steering committee. I had already been in touch with the Canadian Legion and they said that they would follow very closely the various bills laid before the committee and make representation from time to time. But, of course, there may be other organizations which might want to be heard.

Mr. GREEN: Mr. Chairman, I think all the returned soldier organizations, and also the widows' organizations should be asked to send in their representations just as quickly as possible. In other veterans affairs or pension committees the representations made have been most useful.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE: Yes.

Mr. GREEN: Mr. Chairman, many of these organizations may be ready now with their briefs and I would suggest that they be asked to send them in right away. I am sure that they will be of great help to us in our deliberations. I should also like to know whether it is the intention to submit any other draft bills. We have three.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE: Oh yes.

Mr. GREEN: We have the Act concerning the war services grant, the Act respecting war veterans allowances, and the Act relating to firefighters and certain supervisors in the auxiliary services. It might be helpful now if the chairman could tell us whether there are to be other draft bills submitted.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: In that regard, there are other draft bills almost ready to be submitted to the committee and we are pressing to get them in the hands of the committee for study just as quickly as we possibly can. I expect the post-discharge re-establishment bill will be in the hands of the committee any day, and the other bills will also be in the hands of the committee very shortly.

Mr. GREEN: Have you any objection to telling us what they are?

The CHAIRMAN: There is the bill covering post-discharge rehabilitation, and the orders under that; then there is the War Veterans' Allowance Act—that is already before you; then the bill on amending The Pensions Act, and a bill on