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The Committee met at 11 a.m., the Chairman, Mr. Hanson, presiding.

Members present: Messrs. Anderson (Toronto-High Park), Beaubien, Casselman, Esling, Hanson, Kennedy (Peace River), MacDonald (Cape Breton South), McPhee, MacNicol, Mitchell, Thompson. - 11.

The Committee again took into consideration the question of campaign funds referred to them by the House and Mr. Mitchell's memorandum as submitted to the Committee at the meeting of March 4th. Several members took part in the general discussion in the course of which Mr. MacNicol submitted the Report of the Sub-Committee appointed on March 4th to consider and report upon the questions of Compulsory voting, Continuous voters' lists, and the identification of voters. This Report is appended to the Minutes of to-day's proceedings.

The following Resolution was moved by Mr. Mitchell:

"That the Election Act be amended in order to provide that:

All political organizations or any other organization who directly or indirectly participate in an election shall submit to the Chief Electoral Officer a sworn itemized statement, signed by the President, Secretary and Campaign Manager, of all income and expenditures duly audited and certified by a qualified independent auditor. This shall be prepared in exactly the same manner as a candidate's election statement, within one month after the declaration of the election. Failure to carry out the terms of this provision shall make any such officer or officers liable to penalties hereby provided for.

In the first annual report succeeding an election the expenditures and income of all political organizations, or any other organization who directly or indirectly have participated in an election, shall be submitted to the House by the Chief Electoral Officer.

The expenditures and receipts in all electoral districts of ƭ the Dominion shall be submitted to the Chief electoral Officer within one month of the election and shall be reported