

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

ROOM 262, THE SENATE,
TUESDAY, 4th June, 1946.

The Special Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons appointed to examine and consider the Indian Act, and all such other matters as have been referred to the said Committee, met this day at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

Mr. D. F. Brown, M.P., Joint Chairman, presided.

Present:

The Senate: The Honourable Senators Johnston and Stevenson. 2.

The House of Commons: The Honourable Messrs. Glen and Stirling and Messrs. Blackmore, Brown, Bryce, Case, Castleden, Charlton, Little, Gariépy, Gibson (*Comox-Alberni*), Harkness, Little, MacNicol, MacLean, Matthews (*Brandon*), Raymond (*Wright*), Reid, Richard (*Gloucester*). 19.

In attendance: (Department of Mines and Resources); Messrs. R. W. F. Pratt and T. R. L. MacInnes, Secretary, Indian Affairs Branch.

The Chairman pointed out the necessity to order an increased printing in English of the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence.

On motion of Mr. Raymond (*Wright*), it was

Ordered: That the printing from day to day of the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence taken before the Committee be increased from 500 copies in English to 1,000 copies in English, and that this extra printing include copy No. 1 of the Minutes already printed and distributed.

The Chairman reported that the Steering Committee had agreed to report to the Committee recommending that the Committee ask the Senate and the House to empower the Committee to retain the services of counsel to act as a liaison between Canadian Indians, representatives of organized Indian Brotherhoods, other bodies and the Committee.

After considerable discussion.

On motion of Mr. Blackmore, it was unanimously

Resolved: That the Committee ask the Senate and the House of Commons to empower this Committee to retain the services of counsel.

On motion of Mr. Matthews (*Brandon*), it was

Agreed that the Committee now hear Mr. T. R. L. MacInnes Secretary, Indian Affairs Branch, Department of Mines and Resources.

Mr. MacInnes, was called, made a statement with regard to Indian Treaties and was questioned thereon.

At 1.00 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to meet at 11.00 o'clock p.m., on Thursday, June 6th next.

T. L. McEVOY,
Clerk of the Joint Committee.