

Q. In the auditing of the revenue and disbursements of the Northwest Territories Council does the Auditor General report to the Council?—A. No.

Q. The only report which he makes is to the parliament of Canada?—

A. That is right, sir.

The CHAIRMAN: Has the committee finished with the witness?

Then, if there are not any more questions, it only remains for me to thank you, Mr. Robertson, for coming and for having given this very excellent and clear explanation. I would also like to thank the other gentlemen for their attendance.

Gentlemen, before you go, first I would like to ask the members of the steering committee to remain. Secondly, as we waited for nearly half an hour before we had a quorum today, I think I should bring up again the matter of reducing the quorum. Last time I suggested that it be reduced from 15 to 10. I would like to know what the feeling of the committee is on that point after our experience this morning. What do you think, Mr. Harkness?

Mr. HARKNESS: I certainly do not like sitting around for half an hour in order to get the proceedings started, but, it seems to me, in view of the number of people on this committee, that reducing the quorum to 10 should not be necessary.

The CHAIRMAN: Perhaps we might reduce it to 12.

Mr. CAVERS: I would suggest it be reduced to 12.

Mr. APPLEWHAITE: I would like to express the opinion that if there are not 15 members who are sufficiently interested to attend that you might as well wipe the committee out.

The CHAIRMAN: Your argument would apply to all other committees of the house.

Mr. APPLEWHAITE: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: All other committees reduced their quorum. Are there any other remarks on this?

Mr. CAVERS: Mr. Chairman, I would move that for the subsequent meetings of the committee the quorum be reduced from 15 members to 12 members.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Schneider is the seconder.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. POMMER: What is it proposed that our item of business will be at the next meeting?

The CHAIRMAN: I thought that I should have a meeting of the agenda committee to decide that.