

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

House of Commons, Room 277,

TUESDAY, March 8, 1955.

The Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections met at 10.30 o'clock a.m. The Chairman, Mr. G. Roy McWilliam, presided.

Members present: Messrs. Balcer, Bryson, Cardin, Carter, Cavers, Churchill, Dechêne, Hansell, Harrison, Lefrançois, MacDougall, McWilliam, Meunier, Nowlan, Pouliot, Richard (*Ottawa East*), and Robinson (*Bruce*).

In attendance: Mr. Nelson J. Castonguay, Chief Electoral Officer, and Mr. E. A. Anglin, Q.C., Assistant Chief Electoral Officer.

On motion of Mr. MacDougall,

Resolved,—That the Committee ask leave to sit while the House is sitting.

On motion of Mr. Dechêne,

Resolved,—That pursuant to the authority conferred upon it by the Order of Reference of Friday, February 25, 1955, the Committee print, from day to day, 750 copies in English and 200 copies in French, of its Minutes of Proceedings and evidence.

On motion of Mr. Cardin,

Resolved,—That a sub-committee on Agenda and Procedure, comprising the Chairman and six other members of the Committee, to be named by him, be appointed.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Castonguay and Mr. Anglin, and the former tabled, for distribution to each member of the Committee, printed copies of the amendments to the Canada Elections Act proposed by the Chief Electoral Officer; also communications, embodying various suggested changes, received by the Chief Electoral Officer since the coming into force of the 1951 Amendments to the Canada Elections Act from:

1. Jean-François Pouliot, M.P., Rivière-du-Loup, P.Q.
2. United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, Toronto, Ontario.
3. Trades and Labour Congress of Canada.
4. Harvey Caulfield, Mount Forest, Ontario.
5. Canadian Teachers' Federation, Ottawa, Ontario.
6. Maurice C. Punshon, Toronto, Ontario.
7. Egan Chambers, Mount Royal, P.Q.
8. His Honour Judge Forsyth, Toronto, Ontario.
9. M. A. Myren, Portage-la-Prairie, Manitoba.
10. Robert Fair, M.P., Ottawa, Ontario.
11. United-Automobile-Aircraft-Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW-CIO) Local 439, Toronto, Ontario.
12. Manitoba Summer School, University of Manitoba.