

The CHAIRMAN: Not at all. I will read the motion again: that this committee recommend that the voting be for the candidate by name in every constituency and not for the party.

Mr. McCUAIG: And that will not interfere with the ballot, or with writing the name of the candidate of his choice on it.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

Mr. FAIR: I think Col. Ferguson has some information for you with respect to prisoners of war.

Col. FERGUSON: Mr. Chairman, I was requested to obtain the number of army personnel who are prisoners of war in the hands of the enemy. That information has now been furnished to me by our records office.

Mr. GREEN: What is the date of that information?

Col. MACDERMID: The latest information we have on that is as of the 28th of February, 1944.

Hon. Mr. McLARTY: That applies to the army alone; it does not include the figures for the air force or the navy?

Col. FERGUSON: That applies to the army alone.

The CHAIRMAN: I wonder if Lieut. O'Brien has any information on that subject with respect to navy personnel prisoners of war?

Lieut. O'BRIEN: In our case the number is very small.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, gentlemen.

There is one other thing which I would like to discuss with the committee and that is that we are now in a position to get down to work now, so to speak; and I would like the committee to sit twice a week if there is no objection.

Mr. MACNICOL: As long as it does not conflict with the meetings of other committees.

The CHAIRMAN: Well then, let us make it at the call of the chair; it is going to be very difficult because there are so many committees. I will try to make it either Tuesday morning or Thursday morning.

Mr. MACNICOL: You might consult the reconstruction and other committees; Reconstruction had two sittings yesterday. I do not think any committee is entitled to two sittings in one day.

Hon. Mr. McLARTY: I do not think it would work. I was wondering; I do not think it is possible to work on Wednesday—for instance, I am in this committee this morning because I consider it important, but there are other committees as well, and the meetings in council which I have to attend. It might be difficult for me on Wednesday; however, I am not greatly concerned as to what time you sit.

The CHAIRMAN: Well then, gentlemen, I will try to arrange it for Wednesday preferably in the morning or the afternoon, but if not then Wednesday night.

The Committee adjourned at 12:55 o'clock p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.