

EVIDENCE

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Thursday, June 15, 1967

The Chairman: We now have a quorum. As mentioned earlier, the order of reference is the Estimates of the Department of Public Works. I will now formally call the first item.

Vote 1—General administration, including grants as detailed in the Estimates, \$19,734,600.

It is agreed that the committee request permission to reduce its quorum from 18 to 10?

Mr. Chatterton: If there is going to be an objection to 10, will there be objection to eight or nine?

Mr. Mongrain: Eight maybe.

Mr. Chatterton: The objection is not going to be to the number, the objection is going to be to the reduction.

Mr. Mongrain: Yes.

Mr. Chatterton: So if we are going to go for it, let us go for the eight.

I move that the quorum be reduced to eight.

Mr. Mongrain: I second the motion.

Mr. Badanai: We do not want to go the other extreme, Mr. Chairman. I would suggest that nine should be the minimum.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Chairman: Does everybody agree to nine?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Chairman: May I have a motion to print the Minister's statement as part of today's proceedings.

Mr. Mongrain: Mr. Chairman, I suggest that the explanations given by Mr. Lalonde be printed also.

Mr. Chatterton: Also, Mr. Chairman, since the Minutes may not be ready by the next meeting and since the statement and explanations were given when we did not have a quorum, is it still agreed that the statement will be circulated?

The Chairman: Yes.

Mr. Keays: Then I move that the Minister's statement and the remarks of Mr. Lalonde printed as part of this day's proceedings, and that copies of the above statement and re-

marks be made available to the Members in the meantime.

Mr. Mongrain: I second the motion.

Motion agreed to.

The Chairman: I would like to inform the Committee that Messrs. Stewart, Keays, Mongrain and Martin have been appointed to act on the Steering Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure.

The Steering Committee met Tuesday afternoon and I am now presenting its first report, which reads: (*See Minutes of Proceedings*).

The Chairman: I ask for a formal motion to approve this report.

Mr. Badanai: I so move.

Mr. Neveu: I second the motion.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Stewart: Mr. Chairman I want to raise just one point. In that report there is a recommendation that we seek leave to sit this afternoon at four o'clock; in other words, while the House is sitting. I wonder if we want to cross two difficult streams on the same occasion. We are seeking a reduction in quorum and we are also seeking leave to sit while the House is sitting. I have no particular objection to this but I would not like to see both of these things frustrated by reason of their being brought forward at the same time.

Mr. Chatterton: I wonder if anybody knows if a certain member from Lapointe is going to be in the House this afternoon.

The Chairman: Well, the first motion is now before the House. The notice has been given.

Mr. Keays: That is to sit while the House is sitting?

The Chairman: Yes.

Mr. Keays: I think they should have it all on the same day and get it over with.

Mr. Chatterton: Mr. Chairman, the only other question that occurs to me is that it has been apparently indicated that these people who have been requested to be present with regard to the Northumberland business may not be ready to appear and there may not be much value in their appearing at this time. Now, if the Minister of Transport agreed to have his annual report also submitted to this