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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Discussion *re* the appointment of counsel for the committee was resumed.

Mr. Barker moved 'That it is the right and duty of the members of this committee who represent the opposition to nominate the counsel who shall prosecute this investigation in the public interest.'

And the question being put on the said motion, the committee divided as follows:—

YEAS: Messrs. Barker, Lennox and Crothers.—3.

NAYS: Messrs. Macdonald, Clarke and Wilson.—3.

The Chairman, Mr. Geoffrion, voted nay, and declared the motion lost.

Mr. Lennox then declared his intention of retiring from further service on the committee.

Mr. Macdonald moved that Mr. Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., be appointed as counsel for the committee for the purpose of conducting the investigation in the public interest.

After some discussion, Messrs. Barker and Crothers also declared their intention of retiring from further service on the committee.

After some further discussion, Messrs. Lennox, Barker and Crothers retired from the room.

And the question being put on Mr. Macdonald's motion for the appointment of Mr. Wallace Nesbitt as counsel for the committee, it was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Macdonald, it was

Ordered, That the clerk do notify Mr. Nesbitt of his appointment as counsel for the committee, and that he be asked to state when he can be present for the purpose.

The committee adjourned till Tuesday, March 8, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Attest.

VICTOR GEOFFRION,
Chairman.

WALTER TODD,
Clerk.

TUESDAY, March 8, 1910.

The committee met at 11 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. Geoffrion (Chairman), Macdonald, Clarke (Essex) and Wilson (Laval).—4.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and amended, and approved as amended.

The Clerk stated that he had notified Mr. Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., of his appointment as counsel for the committee, and had received a letter in reply, which was read. (See page 134 of the Evidence.)

On motion of Mr. Clarke, it was

Resolved, That in view of the position taken by Mr. Nesbitt, K.C., Mr. F. H. Chrysler, K.C., of Ottawa, be appointed as counsel for the committee for the purpose of conducting the investigation in the interest of the public.

Mr. J. H. Moss, K.C., stated that he appeared at the request and on behalf of the engineers named by Mr. Lumsden in his statement (Exhibit No. 3) as being the engineers in whom he had lost confidence, &c.

On motion of Mr. Macdonald, it was

Resolved, That the said engineers have leave to appear before the committee through Mr. J. H. Moss, K.C., as their counsel.

Mr. Lumsden being asked by the Chairman if it were still his desire not to be represented by counsel replied in the affirmative.

The committee adjourned till Thursday next at 4 o'clock p.m.

Attest.

VICTOR GEOFFRION,
Chairman.

WALTER TODD,
Clerk.