

**Hon. Mr. Molson:** With leave of the Senate, I move that the report be adopted now.

Motion agreed to.

### ROYAL ASSENT

#### NOTICE

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, I have the honour to inform you that I have received the following communication:

GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
Ottawa

August 13, 1958

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Mr. Justice J. H. G. Fauteux, acting as Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber today, the 13th August, at 5.45 p.m., for the purpose of giving royal assent to certain bills.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. S. Burt,

for

J. F. Delaute,

Secretary to the Governor General  
(Administrative)

The Honourable

The Speaker of the Senate,  
Ottawa.

### DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

#### INQUIRY AND ANSWER

**Hon. Jean-François Pouliot** inquired of the Government, pursuant to notice:

1. Referring to Appendix "B" of the Senate *Hansard* of June 24 ult., who were the representatives named by the Ministers of National Defence, the Ministers of Labour, the Ministers of Public Works, the Ministers of Trade and Commerce, the Secretaries of State for External Affairs, the Ministers of Finance and the Canadian Historical Association?

2. How much was paid to each one?

3. Did the following departments: the Prime Ministers' office, Veterans Affairs, Transport, the Solicitor General of Canada, Justice, National Revenue, Agriculture, Citizenship and Immigration, Fisheries, Post Office, Mines and Technical Surveys, National Health and Welfare, Northern Affairs and National Resources, and Defence Production have any representatives on the Public Records Committee since 1945?

4. If so, who were they? If not, who were the acting representatives for the said departments?

5. Since September 20, 1945, what quantity of official documents from each department has been incinerated or sold to the junk man?

**Hon. W. M. Aseltine:** I have the following answer to the honourable gentleman's inquiry:

1. National Defence, Lt.-Col. E. W. Cutbill (Army); Mr. R. A. Stead (Navy); W/C F. H. Hitchins (Air Force); Mr. J. Cardillo (Department). Labour, Mr. P. R. Parent.

Public Works, Mr. Robert Fortier.

Trade and Commerce, Mr. L. J. Rodger.

Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. G. de T. Glazebrook.

Finance, Mr. E. O. Landry.

Canadian Historical Association, Professor George Buxton (University of Ottawa); Professor D. M. L. Farr (Carleton University).

2. Nil, except travelling expenses where representatives of the Canadian Historical Association live out of Ottawa.

3. No.

4. As set out in the Order in Council the normal practice is to have a representative of a department attend on an ad hoc basis when matters concerning that department are under discussion.

5. No information.

#### FURTHER INQUIRY AND ANSWER

**Hon. Mr. Pouliot** inquired of the Government, pursuant to notice:

Referring to Appendix "B" of the Senate *Hansard* of June 24 ult.,—For a copy of the recommendation of the Secretary of State and of Order in Council P.C. 6175 of September 20, 1945, to establish the Public Records Committee and of all orders in council for the appointment of the representatives of various departments and of the Canadian Historical Society representatives to the said committee.

**Hon. Mr. Aseltine:** I have the following answer to the honourable gentleman's inquiry.

Order in Council P.C. 6175 of September 20, 1945, is the only order in council relating to the membership of the Public Records Committee. The ministers and the Canadian Historical Association name representatives under the authority of the above order. No orders of appointment are considered necessary.

The committee does not make regular reports. Minutes are kept of meetings and decisions communicated to departments and agencies by letter or printed form.

Order in Council establishing the Committee on Public Records

P.C. 6175

at the Government House at Ottawa  
Thursday, the 20th day of September, 1945.

Present:

His Excellency

The Governor General in Council:

Whereas the Secretary of State reports that, at the request of the Prime Minister he has convened an informal Advisory Committee on Public Records to give consideration to methods for providing adequate conservation of the public records, with particular reference to those records relating to the wartime activities of the government; and

That, following investigation of the state of the public records, a report has been prepared and considered by the Committee and certain recommendations resulting therefrom approved;

Now, Therefore, His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Secretary of State, is pleased to order and doth hereby order as follows:—

1. There shall be a Committee on Public Records under the chairmanship of the Secretary of State and consisting of the following officials:—

A representative to be named by the Secretary of State (Public Archives).

Two representatives to be named by the Minister of National Defence (Army and Naval Services).