

NOTE: *Text of the Proceedings recorded in the French language appears immediately following this day's Evidence.*

REMARQUE: *Le texte des témoignages recueillis en français figure immédiatement à la suite du compte rendu des délibérations de la séance d'aujourd'hui.*

EVIDENCE

THURSDAY, May 5, 1960.
9.30 a.m.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, I see a quorum. Your subcommittee met yesterday and considered the letter dated April 23, 1960, from Mr. Pothier Ferland, barrister and solicitor, Montreal, addressed to the chairman. The committee had requested the subcommittee to consider this letter and to report thereon. The chairman suggested that consideration of this letter by the main committee would probably result in the publication of details concerning toll collectors who are before the courts.

Following debate, the subcommittee agreed to recommend that the said letter of Mr. Ferland be filed with the chairman for future reference.

The subcommittee then considered what witnesses might be summoned to appear before the committee on Tuesday, May 10, and they agreed to recommend that the following be summoned, if they are available; namely, Mr. A. Murphy, former port manager at Montreal, before Mr. Beudet was appointed port manager there; Mr. B. J. Roberts, former member of the National Harbours Board; and Mr. Alfred Poole, former supervisor of toll collectors at Jacques Cartier bridge.

Is it agreeable, gentlemen, to have them here on Tuesday, May 10?

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): Mr. Chairman, before you deal with that, I would like to deal with the report that you make of the subcommittee. The subcommittee, of course, cannot make any decision that binds the committee as a whole.

The CHAIRMAN: That is right.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): We note that the recommendation of the subcommittee with regard to Mr. Ferland's letter of April 23 was not finally disposed of. It was recommended that the matter should not be dealt with at that particular time, on the understanding that there is no change in the position of this letter, vis-a-vis the committee, from the situation which prevailed when we last met.

I simply want to reserve my right as an individual member of this committee to deal with this letter as I think it should be dealt with, at a time when I think, under the circumstances, it should be pursued.

Mr. CHEVRIER: Mr. Chairman, there are one or two points on which I would like clarification from you as chairman of the committee. The first of these is that in the minutes of proceedings No. 12, dated April 26, 1960, it is stated that Mr. Harold Lande and two members of the conciliation board