

have been, in view, perhaps of the fact that I was not here the day he testified. I would like to suggest that we take from now until after Easter to consider the evidence, and then we can take up the consideration of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN: The evidence is closed, then, and it is moved that we meet after Easter, and go on with the bill.

Moved by Mr. Hocken that the Committee rise until Thursday, April 16th, at 10.30 a.m., at which times consideration of the bill will be resumed.

Motion agreed to.

Committee adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 16, 1925.

The Special Committee appointed to consider Bill No. 2, An Act to amend and make operative certain provisions of the Copyright Act, 1921, met at 10.30 a.m., the Chairman, Mr. Raymond, presiding.

Other Members present:—Messrs. Chevrier, Healy, Hocken, Hoey, Irvine, and Ladner.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, there are some communications, including one from Mr. Hocken referring to certain parties in Toronto who desire to give evidence. There is present a gentleman from Montreal, Mr. Kennedy, who represents the Authors' Association. At the last meeting of the Committee, we came to the conclusion that we would not hear any more evidence. I leave it to the Committee to decide whether they desire to hear Mr. Kennedy. He has taken the trouble to come here from Montreal, and he states that his evidence will not take up many minutes.

Mr. LADNER: I move that we hear him.

Mr. HOCKEN: I second that.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. CHEVRIER: How much more evidence are we going to hear? We have opened the door now; when do we close it?

The CHAIRMAN: We are opening the door to those who are present.

Mr. CHEVRIER: And to no others?

The CHAIRMAN: Just as the Committee wishes.

Mr. CHEVRIER: May I ask you to find out the wish of the Committee with reference to hearing more evidence?

The CHAIRMAN: Is it the desire of the Committee that this should be the last witness?

Mr. HEALY: I think it was opened up because this gentleman has presented himself, although it was the understanding that we would not hear any more evidence.

Mr. LADNER: In my opinion, I do not think that this means that we are going to invite any more witnesses; but if any gentleman or any representatives of the public come here and want to give evidence, and the Committee thinks that the evidence might be advantageous, we ought to hear them.

Mr. CHEVRIER: So far as I am concerned, since the Committee has made a ruling that Mr. Kennedy be heard, I have no objection. But does this ruling apply only to Mr. Kennedy? If it does not, we may as well make up our minds to stay here until the end of the Session.

The CHAIRMAN: The ruling has been made out of courtesy to Mr. Kennedy. It seems only fair that having come so far to offer his evidence we should hear him.