

**The Joint Chairman Senator Lang:** What I think the Committee would like to hear, Mr. Landreville, are the names of the witnesses whom you propose to call, and generally the nature of the testimony that they might be called upon to give. I think in that way, the Committee could judge the necessity for calling the witnesses to comply with the Standing Order to which Mr. Chairman referred.

**Mr. Landreville:** May I intercede, Mr. Chairman?

**The Joint Chairman Mr. Laflamme:** Yes.

**Mr. Landreville:** My answer is indicated by the very objections that I raised the other night. If I were to face the charges that I am of the character which Mr. Rand describes in his report, and if this Committee believes, and indicates to me that that is material, then I will bring in character witnesses to describe my character, either on the bench, off the bench, as an ex-mayor, or as an ex-solicitor.

• (9.45 a.m.)

The Chairmen, on February 14, last, met with my counsel and we were quite frankly told that this Committee would call witnesses, at the expense of the crown, provided we disclosed to the Chairmen the names, the nature of the evidence, and then it would be ruled upon if that witness was necessary.

I am prepared to call witnesses on my own, at my own expense, in those areas where I feel that this Committee may not be satisfied as to the evidence that I propose to adduce. In short, we are going around in a circle until I know exactly what I am accused of, and in what field, then I do not know what witnesses to call.

**Senator Fournier (de Lanaudière):** Would you mind reading again your citation of Beuchesne?

**The Joint Chairman Mr. Laflamme:** It is not a citation of Beuchesne; it is Standing Order 69, paragraph 1, which states as follows:

No witness shall be summoned to attend before any committee of the House unless a certificate shall first have been filed with the chairman of such committee, by some member thereof, stating that the evidence to be obtained from such witness is, in his opinion, material and important.

**Senator Fournier (de Lanaudière):** I do not think that the proposition made by the hon.

gentleman is within the scope of that regulation. In my opinion, the hon. gentleman should tell us what he intends to prove with the testimony of his witnesses, and it will be up to us to make up our minds and decide whether we will call them. It will not be at the expense of the hon. gentleman, but it will be at the expense of the Committee.

**Mr. Bell (Carleton):** It is very clear that we are bound by the Standing Order; we cannot proceed otherwise. The Standing Order is clear; someone must file with the Chairman a certificate, and until that is done, no witnesses may appear before the Committee.

**Mr. L. Yves Fortier (Counsel):** Mr. Chairman, may I also point out to the hon. members, as well as to His Lordship, that in reaching the conclusion, which you did earlier this morning, that you had no more questions of clarification to ask of me, I believe you made it very clear that you were, barring any other decision by Mr. Justice Landreville, ready to deliberate. It seems to me now that if Mr. Justice Landreville—as has always been his privilege—wishes to adduce evidence, as we told his counsel on February 14, 1967, which would go towards contradicting statements of fact put down by Commissioner Rand in his report, or adding to the evidence which was adduced before Commissioner Rand during his inquiry, he is at liberty to do so.

**Mr. Landreville:** That has been my understanding, that I could call witnesses. I am surprised—and I have to abide by the Standing Order which you have read, Mr. Chairman.

**The Joint Chairman Mr. Laflamme:** I think, at present it should be very clearly pointed out, Mr. Justice Landreville, it is only fair, if you have any witnesses, that members of this Committee should know the purpose of calling them here to testify.

**Mr. Bell (Carleton):** I think it should be made clear that no one wants to put any impediment of any kind; we simply want to conform with the rule. If Mr. Justice Landreville will give the list, and the purpose of it, then—I am sure that the purpose is a legitimate one—I, for one, will sign a certificate to the Chairman. There is no suggestion of any kind to put any impediment in calling any witness who may have testimony that is relevant.

**An hon. Member:** That is right.