

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THE SENATE,

ROOM 262,

THURSDAY, 6th June 1946.

The Special Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons appointed to examine and consider the Indian Act (Chapter 98, R.S.C. 1927), and all such other matters as have been referred to the said Committee, met this day at 11.00 o'clock a.m. Mr. D. F. Brown, M.P., presided.

Present:

The Senate: The Honourable Senators Johnston and Stevenson—2.

The House of Commons: Messrs. Blackmore, Brown, Bryce, Case, Castle-den, Charlton, Farquhar, Gariépy, Gibson (*Comox-Alberni*), Harkness, Little, MacNicol, MacLean, Matthews (*Brandon*), Raymond (*Wright*), Richard (*Gloucester*)—16.

In attendance:

(Department of National Health and Welfare): G. D. W. Cameron, M.D., A/Director, Health Services and W. L. Falconer, M.D., A/Assistant Superintendent, Indian Health Services.

(Department of Mines and Resources): Messrs. W. J. F. Pratt, R. A. Hoey, Director, Indian Affairs Branch; Eric Acland, Executive Assistant to the Director and T. R. L. MacInnes, Secretary, Indian Affairs Branch.

On motion of the Honourable Senator Stevenson, it was

Resolved: That the Honourable Senator W. H. Taylor be appointed Deputy Chairman of the Senate members of this Committee.

Mr. Bryce, for the sub-committee on Agenda and Procedure, presented the following report:—

Your sub-committee recommends that the Special Joint Committee retain the services of Mr. Norman E. Lickers, Barrister, of Brantford, Ontario, as counsel and more particularly to act as a liaison officer between the Committee and Canadian Indians and all organizations interested in the well-being of Canadian Indians and to carry out such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Committee.

Your sub-committee further recommends that the fee to be paid him shall be \$50 for each day's attendance at Ottawa on the business of the Committee and, in addition, his actual travelling expenses to and from Ottawa and his actual living expenses at Ottawa, as certified by a Chairman of the Committee; the whole subject to termination at any time by the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Bryce, it was unanimously

Resolved: That the report of the sub-committee on Agenda and Procedure be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Case, it was

Agreed: That the Committee do now hear a submission by the Honourable the Minister of National Health and Welfare, Ottawa.