

specifically, is to suggest to the committee that it might ask Colonel Duguid, who is the war historian and has had considerable experience in this kind of work, to come to the committee and make a preliminary statement which might be of some assistance to us. I make that suggestion to you, and at the same time I would make a brief statement setting forth some other views that might be complementary to those of Colonel Duguid.

I think that up to date—this is more or less accurate—that at the last counting there were something like six hundred and twelve designs that had come into my office. All those letters have been replied to, and the writers have been told that their proposals would be laid before the committee for their consideration. These designs come from all sorts of groups throughout the country, practically every section of the country being represented. A number of people have asked to be allowed to come before the committee when it is established. That correspondence will also be laid before the committee and it will be placed in the hands of the chairman or the secretary right away after the constitution of this meeting. So, I would propose, Mr. Chairman, that we might possibly arrange to have at least one formal meeting during the course of this present session, and that the meeting be taken up in part by a statement along the lines I suggested, together with an actual turning over to the committee of all these designs and the correspondence that has come to us.

Mr. MACNICOL: When you suggest Colonel Duguid, though he may be the most qualified person in Canada, I do not know the man. But I do know a Mr. C. H. A. Snider, who is an expert on flags.

Hon. Mr. MARTIN: Yes, we might ask him too.

Mr. MACNICOL: Mr. Snider has been an authority for many years.

Hon. Mr. MARTIN: I would be very glad to call him as well. My idea in proposing that you call Colonel Duguid was not to have him suggest to us what we ought to do, but just to have him explain or lay out the technique of flag making and that sort of thing. He is a government servant and he would not want to be put in that position. Your friend Mr. Snider could help us too.

Mr. HANSELL: I got a few more yesterday morning and I might explain them.

Hon. Mr. MARTIN: Good!

Hon. Mr. QUINN: Who is this Mr. Snider?

Mr. MACNICOL: Mr. Snider is from Toronto and he is a very famous writer.

Mr. REID: I would like to suggest to the committee that it might be advantageous to its members if preparations were made now to provide pictures of the flags of various countries because, if we are going into that subject, not only should we examine them, but we should have them before us officially. That material could probably be procured and made ready for the committee by early next session. I think we should have it before us.

Hon. Mr. MARTIN: I was talking about this thing to Colonel Duguid yesterday and he made some suggestions. I think he could prepare material and help us in that particular way.

Mr. MACNICOL: A flag is based on certain well known theories, principles and facts. Many of the flags that were sent to me are monstrosities. Now, flags are not based on monstrosities. They are based on well known principles. Occasionally, however, you will find a flag that is a monstrosity.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Harris): This discussion indicates the degree of our labours eventually. No doubt Mr. Snider would make a valuable contribution to the committee if he appeared before us, and no doubt many other people would as well. So, we should decide what procedure we should adopt. And