

The Chairman informed the Committee that he had appointed the following members to act with himself as a Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure: Messrs. Howard, Richard (*Ottawa East*), Aiken, Bell (*Carleton*), Deschambault and Webster.

The Subcommittee, he stated, held a meeting on Tuesday, May 19th, and recommends as follows subject to the Committee's assent:

1. That no exhaustive examination be necessarily made this session on the proposed amendments to the Canada Elections Act;
2. That Mr. Castonguay be heard and further examined thereon;
3. That the communications tabled at the previous meeting by Mr. Castonguay be summarized by his office and printed as Appendix I (*Referred to in the Minutes of Proceedings of May 12*), along with the other communications received by the Secretary of State Department and forwarded to the Committee on May 15th and 19th last.

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Howard, paragraph 3 above was adopted.

The Chairman's report was agreed to.

The Chairman then welcomed the Secretary of State, the honourable Henri Courtemanche.

Mr. Castonguay was then called and questioned on his proposed amendments. He made further comments on the general features of the Act and was examined.

Mr. Bell queried the witness on a report submitted to him by Justice Wilfrid Lazure. Mr. Castonguay undertook to secure legal advice as to whether he could table this report in the Committee before submitting same to the House as provided by statute.

Mr. Castonguay was also questioned on certain irregularities during elections which were the basis of investigations. A report on this matter will be made to the Committee later.

At 11.50 a.m. Mr. Castonguay's examination still continuing, the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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