

That for the purpose of putting such policy into effect, there be appointed a committee of five from this body with power to add to their number, clothed with authority to do all that is necessary or convenient towards putting said policy into effect throughout Canada.

That for the purpose of providing necessary expenses in their work, the committee be authorized to draw on the Honorary Treasurer from time to time throughout the first year in sums which shall, in the aggregate, not exceed five hundred dollars.

It should be pointed out that under the provisions of the Naturalization Act applications of the ordinary class must be made through the clerks of the courts having authority on this subject. The applications must be heard personally by a judge of the designated court. Moreover, the regulations laid down for the administration of the Naturalization Act provide that the naturalization certificates, when issued, should be distributed by the clerks of the various courts. The judges and the clerks of the courts in question are not officials of the Department of the Secretary, and the Secretary of State of Canada has no authority to direct any method of distribution other than that provided by the regulations. Nevertheless, there can be no doubt but that good results must accrue to the activity of the association of Canadian Clubs, and the Department of the Secretary of State will facilitate in every way possible the ceremonial suggested, or any other steps that may be taken to impress newly-naturalized aliens with the importance of the status conferred upon them, and of the civil responsibilities which they assume and the duties which they must fulfil to be good citizens of the Dominion of Canada.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. MacFarlane, would you mind giving us any of your views on this question.

Mr. PAUL MACFARLANE: Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I can only endorse what opinions have already been expressed by the various Canadian Clubs led by Mr. Justice Hyndman and Mr. Justice Dysart. It has been an active question in the association for several years.

Mrs. WHEELER: Twelve years.

Mr. MACFARLANE: Yes, for twelve years. I quite endorse the resolution presented and the memorandum which has been read concerning greater ceremony in the induction of new Canadians.

The CHAIRMAN: And more care?

Mr. MACFARLANE: Yes, more care in the selection.

The CHAIRMAN: Have you anything to add? If not, thank you very much.

Senator PATERSON: Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I wish to thank you for this hearing.

The CHAIRMAN: The committee wishes to thank you for coming here. I do not know what the feeling of members of the committee is, but my feeling has always been that our ceremony is not serious enough and that the greatest care should be taken before we naturalize British subjects or Canadian citizens.

Senator PATERSON: We hold our convention of Canadian Clubs every two years, and we are holding it this year on the 5th and 6th of June at the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa. We believe we will prevent a lot of travelling if we hold it in Ottawa because Ottawa is central. We are taking the liberty of asking Canada's representative at Washington to address us. We invited him by telegram and we are pleased to say that he has accepted our invitation. The Honourable Leighton McCarthy will address the visiting delegates on citizenship, and we shall be able to report at the annual meeting that we met you and that you received us sympathetically in connection with our recommendations. We expect to have about sixty delegates at our convention from Halifax to