

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, March 26, 1946.

The Special Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

Members present: Messrs. Archibald, Baker, Belzile, Benidickson, Blair, Blanchette, Brooks, Cleaver, Cockeram, Cruickshank, Drope, Emmerson, Gauthier (*Portneuf*), Gillis, Green, Harkness, Harris (*Grey-Bruce*), Herridge, Isnor, Jutras, Kidd, Lennard, Mackenzie, Macdonald (*Halifax*), Moore, Mutch, Pearkes, Probe, Quelch, Ross (*Souris*), Sinclair (*Vancouver N.*), Skey, Tremblay, Tucker, Viau, White (*Hastings-Peterborough*), Winkler, Winters, Wright.

On motion of Mr. Blanchette, seconded by Mr. Brooks, Mr. W. A. Tucker was elected Chairman.

The Chairman thanked the Committee for the honour conferred upon him.

On motion of Mr. Tremblay, Mr. Blanchette was elected Vice-Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Mutch, it was resolved that the Committee ask leave to sit while the House is sitting.

On motion of Mr. Winters, it was resolved that the Committee recommend that its quorum be reduced to 15, and that Section 3 of Standing Order 65 be suspended in relation thereto.

On motion of Mr. Cruickshank, it was ordered that 1,500 copies in English and 500 copies in French of the minutes of proceedings and evidence of the Committee be printed from day to day.

On motion of Mr. Cockeram, it was resolved that a Steering Committee consisting of the following members be appointed: Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Messrs. Brooks, Croll, Green, Quelch and Wright.

On motion of Mr. Brooks, it was ordered that a history of Canadian Pension legislation filed by the late General McDonald with the Special Committee on the Pension Act and the War Veterans Allowance Act, Session 1941, be printed as appendix "A" to this day's Minutes of Proceedings.

The Chairman tabled a report dated March 20, 1946, received from the Interdepartmental Committee on Veterans Affairs, appointed by the Honourable the Minister of Veterans Affairs on January 11, 1946, pursuant to a recommendation contained in the final report to the House of the Special Committee on Veterans Affairs, 1945 session.

On motion of Mr. Emmerson, it was ordered that this report be printed as appendix "B" to this day's Minutes of Proceedings.

On motion of Mr. Cleaver, it was resolved that the Committee express its appreciation of the work done by the members of the Interdepartmental Committee.

The Chairman outlined the work facing the Committee and stated, among other subjects, it would be asked to consider the following:—

1. a bill to amend The Veterans' Land Act, 1942;
2. a bill to grant certain benefits to Fire Fighters and Supervisors in the Auxiliary Services;