

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, March 28, 1960.

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The Standing Committee on Mines, Forests and Waters met at 11.00 o'clock a.m. this day. The Chairman, Mr. H. C. McQuillan, presided.

*Members present:* Messrs. Aiken, Cadieu, Coates, Doucett, Fleming (*Okanagan-Revelstoke*), Gundlock, Kindt, Korchinski, MacRae, Martel, McGregor, McQuillan, Mitchell, Muir (*Cape Breton North and Victoria*), Nielsen, Payne, Robichaud, Simpson, Slogan, and Stearns—(20).

*In attendance:* From the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources: Mr. E. A. Côté, Assistant Deputy Minister; Mr. T. M. Patterson, Director, Water Resources Branch; Mr. J. D. McLeod, Chief Engineer, Water Resources Branch, Dr. K. Kristjanson, Secretary, Advisory Committee on Water Use Policy.

The Committee resumed its consideration of the 1960-61 estimates of the Water Resources Branch of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources.

Copies of the following documents requested at a previous meeting were distributed to the members of the Committee:

- The Alberta Natural Resources Act, 1930
- The Alberta Natural Resources Act, No. 2 (1931)
- The Natural Resources Transfer (Amendment) Act, 1941
- The Alberta Natural Resources Transfer (Amendment) Act, 1945
- The Railway Belt and Peace River Block Act (1930)
- The Manitoba Natural Resources Act (1930)
- The Manitoba Natural Resources Transfer (Amendment) Act, 1948
- The Saskatchewan Natural Resources Act (1930)
- The Saskatchewan Natural Resources Act, No. 2 (1931)
- The Saskatchewan Natural Resources Act, No. 3
- The Refunds (Natural Resources) Act (1932)
- The Natural Resources Transfer (Amendment) Act, 1938

The Chairman advised that the definition of navigable waters requested at a previous meeting will be submitted shortly by the Department of Public Works as navigable waters are under their jurisdiction.

Mr. Patterson, Director of the Water Resources Branch, read a prepared statement reviewing the history and responsibilities of his branch and was questioned thereon.

Mr. Robichaud requested that, in future, when prepared submissions are to be presented, copies be made available to members of the Committee.

Copies of a document entitled "The Distribution and Measurement of Surface Water in Canada", by Messrs. J. D. McLeod and R. H. Clark, were distributed to the Committee.

Mr. McLeod, Chief Engineer, Water Resources Branch, supplemented Mr. Patterson's statement with additional detail on the organization of the Branch and also dealt with various aspects connected with water resources.

Messrs. McLeod, Patterson and Côté were questioned.