MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

TUESDAY, April 22, 1947.

The Special Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons appointed to consider and examine the Indian Act (Chapter 98, R.S.C., 1927), and all such other matters as have been referred to the said Committee, met this day at 11 o'clock a.m.

Presiding: Mr. D. F. Brown, M.P. (Joint Chairman).

Present:

The Senate: The Honourable Senators Johnston, Paterson and Taylor—3. The House of Commons: The Honourable Mr. Stirling and Messrs. Brown, Blackmore, Bryce, Case, Castleden, Charlton, Farquhar, Gariépy, Harkness, MacLean, Matthews (Brandon) (Vice-Chairman), Raymond (Wright), Reid—14.

In attendance: (From Indian Affairs Branch): Messrs. R. A. Hoey, Director; B. F. Neary, M.B.E., Superintendent, Welfare and Training; H. M. Jones, Supervisor, Family Allowances; C. A. F. Clark, Educational Surveys Officer; D. J. Allan and M. McCrimmon, Reserves and Trusts Division; Major D. M. MacKay, Commissioner, British Columbia; G. H. Gooderham, Inspector for Alberta; (From Mines and Resources): Mr. W. J. Ford Pratt; also Rev. Father X. Lauzon, A.M.M., Eastview, Ont., and J. W. McKinnon.

(From Indian Association of Alberta): John Laurie, Calgary, Secretary-Treasurer; Mr. Ed. Hunter, Stony, Morley; Chief Joe Bull Shield, Blood, Cardston; Mr. James Gladstone, Blood, Cardston; Chief Frank Cardinal, Cree, Sucker Lake Reserve, Drift Pile Agency; Mr. Mark Steinhauer, Cree, Saddle Lake; also, Mr. Norman E. Lickers, Barrister, Counsel for the Joint Committee and Liaison Officer.

Chief John Callihoo, President, Indian Association was recalled and questioned.

Mr. Laurie answered questions put to him by Mr. Lickers.

Chief Teddy Yellowfly, representing the unaffiliated Indians of Alberta, was recalled and questioned.

Mr. G. H. Gooderham, Inspector of Indian Agencies for Alberta was questioned.

Mr. D. J. Allan, Chief Clerk, Reserve and Trusts Division made a statement, as did Mr. M. McCrimmon of the same Division.

The Committee adjourned at 1 o'clock p.m., to meet again at 4 o'clock this day.