MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Monday, April 28, 1947.

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 11.30 o'clock a.m.

Members present: Messrs. Boucher, Burton, Case, Cleaver, Dechene, Diefenbaker, Fleming, Gibson (Comox-Alberni), Gladstone, Golding, Isnor, Jackman, Johnston, Marshall, Probe, Rinfret, Smith (Calgary-West), Warren, Winkler.

In attendance: Hon. C. W. G. Gibson, Secretary of State.

On motion of Mr. Golding:-

Resolved,-That Mr. Gordon B. Isnor be Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Isnor took the Chair.

The Clerk read the Orders of Reference.

On motion of Mr. Dechene:-

Resolved,—That the Committee recommend that it be empowered to print, from day to day, 500 copies in English and 200 copies in French of its minutes of proceedings and evidence.

On motion of Mr. Gibson:-

Resolved,—That the Committee ask leave to sit while the House is sitting.

On motion of Mr. Burton:-

Resolved,—That the Committee recommend that its quorum be reduced from fifteen to ten members.

On motion of Mr. Golding:—

Resolved,—That a steering committee be appointed to consist of the following members, viz.: the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and Messrs. Burton, Fleming, Gibson (Comox-Alberni), Marshall and Stuart (Charlotte).

Mr. Gladstone suggested that economies might be effected if fewer copies of committee proceedings and evidence were printed. The Vice-Chairman promised that he would make inquiries and report his findings to the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. Gibson addressed the Committee regarding Bill 22, An Act to continue the Revised Regulations respecting Trading with the Enemy (1943).

On motion of Mr. Smith:-

Resolved,—That the Committee recommend that its Order of Reference be extended to include inquiry into the administration of the Regulations respecting Trading with the Enemy; and that the drafting of the recommendation to the House and the question of procedure be referred to the Steering Committee.

At 12 o'clock noon the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.