

## ORDER OF REFERENCE

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

OTTAWA, Friday, February 5, 1926.

*Resolved*,—That a Special Committee of this House, consisting of nine members, be appointed forthwith to investigate the administration of the Department of Customs and Excise and alleged serious losses to the public treasury because of inefficiency or corruption on the part of officers of the Department and others, and that such investigation extend back over such period of time as the Committee may decide and have regard to all matters affecting the prevention of smuggling, the prosecution of offenders, the seizure, storage and disposal of smuggled goods, or goods seized for purposes of excise or other taxes, the appraisal of goods for revenue purposes, the collection of customs and excise duties, the knowledge of ministers or officials of offences or irregularities affecting the public service in said department, the efficiency of the administration thereof, and the necessity of safeguarding the public revenue and the public treasury, and that such Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to adjourn from place to place, to print the evidence taken before the Committee, and to report from time to time.

Attest.

ARTHUR BEAUCHESNE,  
*Clerk of the House of Commons.*

FRIDAY, February 5, 1926.

*Ordered*,—That the Special Committee appointed this day to investigate and report upon the administration of the Department of Customs and Excise be composed of the following members, viz.: Messieurs Bell (Hamilton), Bennett, Donaghy, Doucet, Elliott, Kennedy (Peace River), Mercier (St. Henri), St. Père and Stevens.

Attest.

ARTHUR BEAUCHESNE,  
*Clerk of the House of Commons.*