

## SELECT COMMITTEE ON QUEBEC BRIDGE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

COMMITTEE ROOM,

FRIDAY, May 22, 1908.

The committee met at 10.30 o'clock, a.m.

Present: Messieurs Barker, Chisholm (Antigonish), Galliher, Maclean (Lunenburg), and Monk—5.

On motion of Mr. Galliher, Mr. Maclean (Lunenburg), was chosen chairman.

The Chairman read the Order of Reference.

On motion of Mr. Monk, it was ordered that Mr. Ulric Barthe, secretary of the Quebec Bridge Company, be summoned to appear before this committee at its next meeting and to produce before the committee the said company's book of minutes of its meetings, its books of accounts, its contracts with regard to the works of construction of the said Quebec bridge, and contracts and agreements for loans and advances, its stock register and books connected therewith; the said company's correspondence with the Dominion government and members thereof in reference to all matters and things connected with the said Quebec bridge; and all papers and documents generally having reference to the construction and completion and the providing of the necessary funds for defraying the cost of the aforesaid bridge.

The committee then adjourned till Tuesday, June 2 next, at 10.30 o'clock, a.m.

*Attest,*

N. ROBIDOUX,

*Clerk of Committee.*

COMMITTEE ROOM,

TUESDAY, June 2, 1908.

Committee met.

PRESENT—Mr. Maclean (Lunenburg), in the chair; and Messrs. Barker, Chisholm (Antigonish), Galliher, Monk and Walsh (Huntingdon.)—6.

The chairman laid on the table a return to an Order of the House, dated December 12, 1907, for a copy of all Orders in Council, correspondence, reports, memoranda, papers, and documents, since January 1, 1900, respecting the Quebec Bridge, &c.

Mr. G. A. Bell, of the Department of Railways and Canals, laid on the table original papers giving report and evidence submitted by the Commissioners of Inquiry into the Quebec bridge collapse, in 3 vols. Also a roll of plans.

Mr. Ulric Barthe, secretary of the Quebec Bridge Company, was called, sworn and examined (in part) by Mr. Monk.

Witness' examination discontinued, pending the arrival of the papers called for by his summons.

Committee rose to resume at 2.30 o'clock, p.m.