

The CLERK:

10th of February 1948.

Resolved that a select committee of this House be appointed to examine and to report from time to time as to:

- (a) the causes of recent rise in the cost of living;
- (b) prices which have been raised above levels justified by increased costs;
- (c) rises in prices due to the acquiring, accumulating or withholding from sale by any persons, firms or corporations of any goods beyond amounts reasonably required for the ordinary purposes of their businesses.

That the committee shall have power to appoint from among its members such sub-committees as may be deemed advisable or necessary to deal with specific phases of the inquiry, and power to send for persons, papers and records, to examine witnesses under oath and to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be ordered by the committee.

That the committee shall have leave to sit while the House is sitting;

That seven members of the committee shall constitute a quorum;

That the committee shall have power to engage the services of counsel, accountants and other necessary assistants who shall be paid out of the appropriation for Parliament;

That the committee shall consist of: Messrs. Beaudry, Cleaver, Fleming, Homuth, Johnston, Knowles, Lesage, Martin, Maybank, Mayhew, McCubbin, Merritt, Nicholson Pinard, Smith (*Calgary West*), Winters, and that Standing Order 65 be suspended in relation thereto.

Attest.

(Signed) R. T. GRAHAM,
Deputy Clerk of the House.

TUESDAY, February 10, 1948.

Ordered that the name of Mr. MacInnis be substituted for that of Mr. Knowles, the name of Mr. Irvine be substituted for that of Mr. Nicholson, and the name of Mr. Harkness for that of Mr. Smith (*Calgary West*) on the said committee.

Attest.

R. T. GRAHAM,
Deputy Clerk of the House.

The CHAIRMAN: I am sure I express the views of all members of the committee when I say we are glad to have Mr. Arsenault, who is one of the senior men of the committee personnel of the House of Commons, assist us as clerk of this committee.

I think the next item of business should be the consideration of the printing of the minutes of proceedings and evidence of this committee. For the direction of the committee I may say that in the committee of 1934