

At the request of Mr. Herridge, the Committee agreed that Messrs. Ashton, Manchester and Standish give a brief resumé of their experience as prisoners of war in various Japanese camps.

Messrs. Delbridge, Ashton and Lytle were excused and left to catch a plane.

The examination of the witnesses being concluded the Chairman thanked the witnesses for their excellent brief and representations.

At 5:05 o'clock p.m., on motion of Mr. Ormiston, seconded by Mr. Harley, the Committee adjourned to Thursday, May 19, 1966.

D. E. Levesque,
Clerk of the Committee.

(See Minutes of Proceedings)

Would someone move the adoption of this report?

Mr. ORMISTON: I so move.

Mr. MANTON: I second the motion.

Any questions on the report? If the committee will permit I would like to add some comments. As you know the Minister will not be present at our first meeting of estimates because he is going to be away. We have been pressed to deal with the estimates by the end of the month so that they can be passed by the house before the summer adjournment which is planned I am told, to be around the 30th of June. Some people are quite optimistic, I think. Anyway, this is the general set-up and the subcommittee view that having four or five sittings on the estimates might permit us to get through them. If we need more, this time can be added after that; it is not a matter of limiting ourselves on the estimates in any way. Since we will not have associations appearing before us during the studies of the estimates we will save quite a bit of time. I will permit me I might add that we have with us this morning—

Mr. CHATTERTON: May I make a suggestion? If you want to get more meetings in, it seems to me that a time slot is being overlooked by every committee is between 1 o'clock and 2:45 p.m. I think we should consider that, as questioning in the House normally starts about 2:45 p.m. Now we could get two full hours first if you start at one o'clock in the afternoon.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes. Would you agree that we begin with the set-up we have now and if we find that we need more time, if it is agreeable to the members of the committee and if we can get quorums, we could arrange for afternoon sittings. We would, of course, have to have permission from the House.

Mr. CHATTERTON: No.

The CHAIRMAN: From one to two o'clock. Not two o'clock.

Mr. CARTER: Do we have permission now to sit?

The CHAIRMAN: No, we do not.