

The CHAIRMAN: (Mr. Harris): I thank you for choosing me as Chairman of the House of Commons section of this joint committee. It is an honour to serve on the Canadian Flag Committee and I am glad to carry on with the work. I am also glad that you chose Senator Lambert because his parliamentary experience will make up for my shortcomings in that respect. Now I think we should decide on a quorum for both sections of the committee. There are twenty-five and twelve on the committee. Could I have a motion from an honourable senator as to the quorum for the Senate section of the joint committee?

Hon. Mr. HOWDEN: I move that the Senate quorum be five.

Mr. STERLING: I move that the House of Commons quorum be ten.

The CHAIRMAN: (Mr. Harris): It has been moved by Senator Howden that the Senate quorum consist of five, and it has been moved by Mr. Stirling that the House of Commons quorum consist of ten. All in favour? Contrary minded?

(Carried).

The next business will be the question of printing. I presume it is the desire of the Committee that the records be printed and distributed.

Mr. REID: I would so move.

The CHAIRMAN: (Mr. Harris): The customary numbers I am informed, are five hundred in English and two hundred in French. Is that suitable, in view of the fact that this is a joint committee? All those in favour? Contrary minded?

(Carried).

Now I think we ought to have a motion asking leave of the Senate and of the House to sit while they are in session.

Mr. McIVOR: I move accordingly.

Mr. MACNICOL: Would it not be advisable for us to make up our minds as to how much we contemplate accomplishing in the next few days of the session?

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Harris): I think we can tell you that in a moment.

Mr. MACNICOL: There is so much to be done in the House and our time is so little to do it. I think it is important that we all be in the House.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Harris): All those in favour? Contrary minded?

(Carried.)

Hon. Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Chairman, and gentlemen of the committee: the chairman has asked me just to make a brief statement. There is not very much at this stage I can say in the way of a suggestion; but I would simply like to remark that the office of the Secretary of State has received from various groups throughout the country, almost daily, all sorts of suggestions as to what flag should be adopted by this committee for recommendation to the House of Commons and to the Senate.

Of course, these designs are now all the property of the committee and it is proposed to turn them over to the committee at the earliest moment. I think it would be desirable to do so at the next meeting. This meeting was intended largely as an organization meeting.

Mr. MacNicol, of course, raises the important question as to the duties that lie ahead during the course of the present session. Quite obviously there will not be much chance of doing any work over a protracted period during this session. It may be, however, desirable that we should at least, this session—if I might suggest that—hold at least one formal meeting at which meeting some statement could be made by someone who has had a good deal of experience in regard to the designing of flags. The purpose of such a statement would be to serve as a frame work for our future deliberations. What I have in mind,