MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 23rd April, 1947.

Pursuant to adjournment and notice the Standing Committee on Immigration and Labour met this day at 10.30 A.M.

Present: The Honourable Senators: Murdock, Chairman; Burchill, Campbell, Crerar, Daigle, David, Euler, Ferland, Haig, Macdonald (Cardigan), Robinson, Roebuck, Taylor and Wilson.--14.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Order of Reference of the 13th March, 1947, directing the Committee to examine into the operation and administration of the Immigration Act, etc.

The official reporters of the Senate were in attendance.

Mr. A. L. Jolliffe, Director of Immigration, Department of Mines and Resources, was heard, and read a prepared statement on the operation and administration of the Immigration Act and the organization of the Department outside of Canada for examination of prospective immigrants into Canada, and was questioned by Members of the Committee.

Mr. Joliffe filed copy of Orders in Council P.C. 695, dated 21st March, 1931, P.C. 2071, dated 28th May, 1946, and P.C. 371, dated 30th January, 1947, with respect to the classes and occupations of immigrants admissible to Canada, which were ordered to be printed in the record.

Mr. Joliffe undertook to furnish for the information of Members of the Committee a statement showing the racial origin and country of residence of immigrants who entered Canada during the year 1946.

Dr. H. L. Keenleyside, Deputy Minister, Department of Mines and Resources, was heard, and gave an outline of the efforts now being made to secure shipping space for prospective immigrants to Canada from the United Kingdom and Europe, and the facilities of the Department overseas for examination of immigrants to Canada, and was questioned by Members of the Committee.

At 12.30 o'clock, p.m., the Committee adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, 24th April, instant, at 10.30 A.M.

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Attest.

H. ARMSTRONG, Clerk of the Committee.