

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

HOUSE OF COMMONS, ROOM 277,

THURSDAY, May 13, 1948.

The Special Committee on the Dominion Elections Act, 1938, met this day at 4.00 p.m. Mr. Walter E. Harris, Chairman, presided.

Members present: Messrs. Bertrand (*Prescott*), Fair, Harris (*Grey-Bruce*), Lockhart, MacInnis, MacNicol, Marier, McKay, McLure, Murphy, Mutch, Richard (*Gloucester*), Richard (*Ottawa East*).

In attendance: Mr. Jules Castonguay, Chief Electoral Officer, and Mr. Nelson Castonguay, Executive Assistant.

The Committee considered, clause by clause, Bill 198, An Act to amend the Dominion Elections Act, 1938. With the exception of clauses 2, 6 and 37 all the clauses were adopted. The preamble stood over.

New amendments to the Dominion Elections Act, 1938, suggested by the Chief Electoral Officer, were also considered and unanimously carried. (*See today's Minutes of Evidence*).

Mr. Jules Castonguay, was called and heard.

At 5.30 o'clock p.m. the Committee adjourned to meet again at 8.30 p.m.

EVENING SITTING

The Committee met again at 8.30 o'clock p.m. Mr. W. E. Harris, Chairman, presided.

Members present: Messrs. Bertrand (*Prescott*), Fair, Harris (*Grey-Bruce*), Lockhart, MacInnis, MacNicol, Marier, Marquis, McKay, McLure, Mutch, Richard (*Gloucester*), Richard (*Ottawa East*), Sinclair.

In attendance: Mr. Jules Castonguay, Chief Electoral Officer, and Mr. Nelson Castonguay, Executive Assistant.

The Chairman informed the Committee of communications addressed through him to the Committee from the following:

Harold W. Timmins, M.P. (Parkdale).

G. B. Bagwell, Toronto.

Mrs. W. R. Norton, Calgary, Alta.

Mr. Ed. Carlson, Vanscoy, Sask.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill 198.

Mr. Castonguay was recalled. The witness commented on the suggestion contained in a letter filed earlier in the day by Mr. McKay, a member of the Committee.

Mr. Robinson, M.P. (*Bruce*), was given unanimous consent to address the Committee in connection with clause 37 of said Bill 198.

At 8.55 o'clock p.m., on motion of Mr. Mutch, the Committee adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

ANTOINE CHASSE,
Clerk of the Committee.