

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

COMMITTEE ROOM 436,

FRIDAY, May 2, 1924.

The Committee pursuant to notice assembled at 10.45 o'clock, a.m.

Members present: Messrs. Black (Yukon), Caldwell, Carroll, Chisholm, Clark Clifford Denis (Joliette), Knox, Robinson, Ross (Kingston), Sinclair (Hon. J. E.), Sinclair (Oxford), Speakman, and Wallace.

In attendance Honourable H. S. Béland and Mr. Kyte.

Mr. Clifford moved that Mr. J. J. Denis be elected as Chairman of the Committee. The motion was unanimously supported and Mr. Denis was declared elected.

The Chairman expressed his thanks for the confidence which all honourable members present had shown in electing him to preside as Chairman of the Committee. Proceeding in his remarks the Chairman referred to some of the questions which the Committee would have to consider and report upon to the House.

The Minister of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, Honourable H. S. Béland, then addressed the Committee referring to the investigation made by the Ralston Royal Commission, the Pension Act as amended last year, and the question of land settlement.

Mr. Speakman then submitted that in order to complete the organization of the Committee, it might be advisable to appoint a Sub-committee to deal with each of the phases of work such as the question of land settlement and that of pensions. The Chairman expressed himself favourably to the suggestion, and that the proposal would be attended to.

On motion of Mr. Caldwell, the Committee then adjourned to meet again at the call of the Chair.

V. CLOUTIER,

Clerk of the Committee.

COMMITTEE ROOM 436,

WEDNESDAY, May 14, 1924.

1. The Committee met at 11 o'clock a.m., the Chairman, Mr. Jean J. Denis, presiding.

2. *Other Members present:*—Miss Macphail, Messrs. Arthurs, Black (Yukon), Brown, Caldwell, Carroll, Hudson, Humphrey, Knox, MacLaren, Munro, Raymond, Robinson, Robichaud, Sinclair (Oxford), and Speakman.

3. The Chairman directed the attention of the Committee to the question of Soldiers' Land Settlement which it might proceed to consider, with Major Barnett, Chairman of the Soldier Settlement Board who was present, and who could be examined upon the general activities of the administration, also upon the question of revaluation.