The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs met at 10.05 a.m. this day. The Chairman, Mr. J. M. Forgie, presided.

Members present: Messrs. Chatterton, Clancy, Fane, Fleming (Okanagan-Revelstoke), Forgie, Habel, Harley, Herridge, Kennedy, Laniel, Latulippe, Legault, MacEwan, MacRae, Madill, McIntosh, O'Keefe, Otto, Patterson, Pilon and Rock—(21).

In attendance: From the Department of Veterans Affairs: Honourable Roger Teillet, Minister; Mr. Paul Pelletier, Deputy Minister; Mr. F. T. Mace, Assistant Deputy Minister; Dr. J. N. Crawford, Assistant Deputy Minister (Treatment) and Director General, Treatment Services; Mr. T. T. Taylor, Director, Legal Services; Mr. P. E. Reynolds, Chief Pensions Advocate; J. E. Walsh, Director, Finance, Purchasing and Stores; E. J. Rider, Director, Veterans Welfare Services; W. Strojich, Senior Administrative Officer, Veterans Land Administration, C. F. Black, Departmental Secretary; G. L. Mann, Chief, Rehabilitation, Veterans Welfare Services; and C. S. T. Tubb, Executive Assistant to Director, Veterans Welfare Services; from Canadian Pension Commission: Mr. T. D. Anderson, Chairman; and Mr. L. A. Mutch, Deputy Chairman; from War Veterans Allowance Board: Mr. W. T. Cromb, Chairman; and Mr. P. B. Cross, Deputy Chairman.

The Clerk read the Orders of Reference dated September 22 in English and in French.

The Chairman read the first report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure which was adopted on the motion of Mr. Laniel, seconded by Mr. MacRae, with one correction as suggested by Mr. Herridge.

The Chairman then introduced the Minister, who made a statement on various items in the Estimates of his Department. He introduced officials of his Department.

The Minister was examined. The Chairman called Vote 1—Departmental Administration, which was discussed and allowed to stand.

Votes 5 and 10 were also called and considered by the Committee.

Messrs. Pelletier, Mace, Rider, Cromb and Cross were questioned at length by the Committee.

Mr. Cromb placed before the Committee two Tables showing the numbers of recipients of Civilian War and War Veterans Allowances, and it was agreed that they be reproduced as *Appendices "A" and "B"*.

(See today's proceedings).

At 12.25 p.m., the examination of the witnesses continuing, the meeting was adjourned until Thursday, October 1 at 10.00 a.m.

Marcel Roussin, Clerk of the Committee.