COMMITTEE ROOM 436,

FRIDAY, May 30, 1924.

The Committee met at 11 a.m., the Chairman, Mr. J. J. Denis, presiding.

Other members present:—Miss Macphail, Messrs. Caldwell, Carroll, Chisholm, Clifford, Hudson, Humphrey, Knox, MacLaren, McKay, Robinson, Robichaud, Sinclair, Hon. J. E., and Speakman.

In attendance:—Colonel Thompson and Mr. Paton of the Board of Pension Commissioners.

Major Barnett, Chairman, Soldier Settlement Board, was recalled for further examination on land settlement. In the course of the proceedings, Major Barnett gave figures showing amounts expended for rents of offices, also cost of administration, and investments in lands, etc.

Mr. Robinson's resolution submitted on 22nd May for consideration respecting the regulations of the Board which govern the issue of qualification certificates, was further considered, and it was resolved that Messrs. Robinson, Carroll, Speakman, Humphrey and Caldwell would confer with the Chairman of the Board, Major Barnett, as to what arrangements could be best effected.

Mr. Carroll moved, seconded by Mr. Caldwell,—That leave be obtained from the House to reduce the present quorum of the Committee to nine members. Motion carried.

Major Barnett then resumed his evidence until one o'clock when the Committee adjourned.

V. CLOUTIER, Clerk of the Committee.

COMMITTEE ROOM 424, THURSDAY, June 5, 1924.

The Committee met at 11 a.m., the Chairman, Mr. J. J. Denis, presiding. Other members present were:—Miss Macphail, Messrs. Arthurs, Caldwell, Carroll, Clifford, Humphrey, Knox, Pelletier, Robichaud, Ross (Kingston), Sinclair (Hon. J. E.) Sinclair (Oxford), Shaw, Speakman, and Wallace.

In attendance:—Col. Thompson and Mr. Paton of the Board of Pension Commissioners.

Major Barnett, Chairman, Soldier Settlement Board, was recalled for further examination on land settlement. In opening the meeting the Chairman announced that there would be no discussion of the recommendations which Major Barnett was going to make at this meeting, but members of the Committee might ask questions. Major Barnett then proceeded with his recommendations.

Mr. Speakman gave notice of the following motion to be discussed at a later date:—Resolved that the Soldier Settlement Act, 1919, as amended in 1922, be further amended to provide:

- 1. No interest shall be chargeable on principal moneys prior to the due date thereof.
- 2. All overdue principal shall bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, payable on