

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

HOUSE OF COMMONS, ROOM 497,

THURSDAY, May 21, 1942.

The Special Committee appointed to deal with the disposition of Canteen Funds met this day at 11.30 o'clock, a.m., Mr. W. Ross Macdonald (*Brantford City*), Chairman, presided.

Members present: Messrs. Black (*Yukon*), Blanchette, Brooks, Castleden, Cruickshank, Emmerson, Gillis, Macdonald (*Brantford City*), Mackenzie (*Vancouver Centre*), Macmillan, McCuaig, McLean (*Simcoe East*), Marshall, Ross (*Middlesex East*), Ross (*Souris*), Sanderson, Turgeon.

In attendance: Paymaster Captain J. O. Cossette, R.C.N., Deputy Judge Advocate of the Fleet; Lt.-Col. J. A. de Lalanne, President, Regimental Funds Board with Major Georges Garneau, Capt. L. T. Ellyett, Secretary, and Capt. D. Donnelly; Flying Officer D. J. McLennan of the Directorate of Accounts and Finance, R.C.A.F.; Mr. Robert England, Executive Secretary, General Advisory Committee on Rehabilitation; Mr. A. J. Dixon, Chairman of subcommittee on the Administration of Special Funds with Mr. A. M. Wright, Director of Rehabilitation, Department of Pensions and National Health.

The Chairman outlined the business before the Committee for to-day, but before proceeding with the examination of the witnesses he filed with the Committee two statutes, one of 1925 and the other of 1928, which, by consent of the Committee, were ordered to be printed in the report of to-day's Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence as Appendix "J".

Lt.-Col. J. A. de Lalanne was then recalled. During his deposition the witness produced a number of statements relating to the administration of canteens in Canada, Newfoundland and Iceland and it was explained by the Chairman that a copy of these documents would be supplied to each member of the Committee. The witness also filed copies of G.O.s 40/1940 and 282/1941 and these General Orders, by consent of the Committee, were ordered to be printed in the report of to-day's Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence as Appendix "K".

At 12.15 o'clock, p.m., the Chairman, Mr. Macdonald, withdrew and Mr. J. A. Blanchette, the Vice-Chairman took the Chair.

Mr. Blanchette took this opportunity to voice his thanks to the members for his election as Vice-Chairman and the proceedings continued.

At the conclusion of the witness' examination, the Vice-Chairman expressed the appreciation of the Committee to Lt.-Col. de Lalanne for his hearty co-operation and the valuable information he had furnished and he was allowed to retire.

Captain J. O. Cossette, R.C.N., Deputy Judge Advocate of the Fleet was afterwards called.

The witness read a short brief concerning the activities of the canteens and the system of administration within the Navy. The witness was examined at length thereon. The Vice-Chairman voiced the thanks of the Committee to the witness and he was allowed to retire.