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A FEW POINTS IN REGARD TO COMMITTEES

The appointment and discharge of a committee of the Legislature in which The Guardian was interested raises some interesting points as to the powers and procedure of such committees. Nothing is clearer than that the Legislative Assembly can delegate certain of its powers to a committee, but it is equally clear that the Assembly cannot give to a committee power which the Assembly does not itself possess. This was the first mistake in regard to the committee in question. As Premier Peters discovered and pointed out when moving for the discharge of the committee, the House has no power to command witnesses to be sworn, or to try or punish any person for a contempt or breach of privilege committed outside the House, and consequently could not delegate such powers to any committee.

It is also to be observed that the House when delegating its powers to a committee must proceed in a regular way. There must be a resolution bringing the subject matter to the notice of the House and specifying clearly the object of the appointment of the proposed committee, the number of its members, and the powers which the committee shall possess. The specified number of members must be duly appointed by the House, then there must follow a formal written process, commonly called the order of reference, under and by virtue of which the powers which the House delegates to the committee shall be conveyed to them. The order of reference must also specify the fact that certain members were on a given date appointed to compose such committee, and who they are. This order of reference must be certified by the Clerk of the House. In the case of the Committee now discharged there was nothing before the committee to show who were its members or, in fact that any committee had been appointed. On this ground alone, on objection taken, the committee would have been powerless to do anything, even if the House had power to appoint them, for the purpose named, which it had not.

When a committee has been duly appointed with proper powers, it must in British practice proceed to business upon the call of a clerk, duly appointed by authority of the House, who summons the members by a written notice to each, specifying a time and place of meeting. At such meeting the clerk presides and first reads the order of reference, and then calls upon the committee to select their chairman, (provided a chairman has not been named by the House.) The committee thereafter is governed by the general rules of parliamentary procedure, but must keep strictly within the powers prescribed by its order of reference. These they may not exceed by a hair's breadth and especially when investigating a breach of privilege are they held to the punctilious observance of any limitations in that regard. A committee with what are called full powers may, if the order of reference so declares, send for persons, papers and records, may summon and examine witnesses, and may report from

time to time. If they are given power to report from time to time they may do so. If they are simply given power to report, they may report once only. If they are not specifically given power to report they cannot make any report at all. The authorities are clear upon this latter point, strange as it may appear to the lay reader.

In the case under review the committee were not given power to report and could not lawfully do so. The report submitted to the House was therefore wholly irregular. In the proceedings before the committee Hon. Mr. Whear was present and was heard. Both May and Bourinot prescribe that members of the House who are not members of the committee may be present at its public sittings, but have no right to interfere or be heard. The point was not raised because The Guardian had no desire to do so at that stage. Another point, which may strike the reader as singular, is that according to British practice until the quorum of the committee had been fixed by order of the House all the members of the committee must be present at its proceedings. In the Canadian Parliament a different rule obtains, especially with regard to the larger committees, in which where the House has not fixed the quorum at least one half the total membership of the committee must be present to make its proceedings valid. In the case of the committee now discharged no quorum had been fixed by the House.

Without going farther into the matter it will be pretty clear to the readers of The Guardian that knowing the facts above stated we had no very great fears of the committee of privileges or of the House. We could have at any stage set the committee and the House at defiance when they had once exceeded their powers or proceeded irregularly. Had an attempt been made to punish The Guardian, or any of its staff, the Speaker and all members voting in support of such proceedings would have been liable for trespass, or false imprisonment. The Privy Council has so decided in not only one but in a number of cases.

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