

in research in this direction and what is being done in the United States. We need more information before we can pass this item.

Mr. NEILL: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, you called item 357 and declared it carried before we had a chance to find it in our books and speak on it. Would the minister permit a question now on item 357?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): The item is passed, but I do not mind one question.

Mr. NEILL: Thank you. It is so kind of you. I understand that a body in British Columbia interested in research has submitted a long brief to the minister asking for a grant of \$400,000 from the dominion to assist them in establishing research facilities in British Columbia. The immediate demand was for \$400,000 and a larger sum later. While I do not suggest that we are entitled to that sum now, although we would like to get it if we can, would the minister state whether item 357 will cover any of the demands that were made in that brief?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): I spoke on that when my estimates were up a day or two ago. I received a brief from the minister of lands and mines of British Columbia, and I have replied to him to the effect that I propose to submit his request to a meeting of the committee on scientific and industrial research which I have called for Tuesday night. A grant of \$400,000 has been asked for, some \$300,000 of which would be for the erection of a building. I cannot say anything further about the matter until it has been discussed at the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN: We are on item 358.

Mr. ROSS (St. Paul's): The hon. member for Lethbridge has brought up the matter of sugar beets on several occasions. Is any research to be made on that question? When we are asked to pass a vote of \$325,000 we want to know what it is for.

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): The \$325,000 is for the establishment of a research unit in western Canada to serve the three western provinces. So far as research for farm crops to be utilized in factories in Ontario is concerned we have the national research council located here in Ontario.

Mr. ROSS (St. Paul's): What are we doing about it?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): That is a question apart from this item.

Mr. ROSS (St. Paul's): I do not know whether it is apart from this item at all.

[Mr. Douglas G. Ross.]

Mr. PERLEY: The minister stated that more than half of this vote would be used for a laboratory and equipment and he said that it would be established in the central part of western Canada.

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): I did not say that.

Mr. PERLEY: He said that it would be as nearly as possible in the central part of the three prairie provinces where it would best serve their needs. I think the Minister of Agriculture will bear me out in that.

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): I would suggest that the hon. member leave that question where it is for the sake of his own province.

Mr. PERLEY: For the sake of his own province? If it is to be established in the central part of the three prairie provinces I am sure that it will be somewhere in Saskatchewan. The three prairie provinces were represented at the meeting where no doubt this question was discussed. Can the minister be a little more definite and say just where the laboratory will be located?

Item stands.

Progress reported.

At eleven o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

Saturday, July 29, 1944

The house met at eleven o'clock.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Second report of special committee on reconstruction and reestablishment.—Mr. Turgeon.

Third report of special committee on social security.—Mr. Macmillan.

Fifth report of standing committee on banking and commerce.—Mr. Moore.

PRIVILEGE

MR. ROSS (ST. PAUL'S)—PRESS REPORTS ON FINAL REPORT OF RADIO BROADCASTING COMMITTEE

Mr. D. G. ROSS (St. Paul's): I rise to a question of privilege. An article appearing in the *Montreal Gazette* of Friday, July 28, reported the radio committee on broadcasting as tabling a unanimous final report in the House of Commons. Also, Mr. Speaker, from other reports in the press which have had wide publicity, and from a radio announcement on Thursday night it is made to appear that the report was unanimous. I desire to make it clear that the report was not unanimous.