

REPORT TO THE HOUSE

FRIDAY, December 20, 1963.

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SECOND REPORT

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Pursuant to its Order from the House dated October 31, 1963, Your Committee has made a thorough examination of:

1. The Report for 1962 of the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada and approved the said Report and commends the Board on the performance of its duties.
2. The Report of the Canadian Wheat Board for the crop year ended July 31, 1962, and the Supplementary Report of the Canadian Wheat Board for 1961-62 pool accounts for wheat and approved the said Report and Supplementary Report and commends the Board on the performance of its duties.

Pursuant to the said Order from the House Your Committee commenced an examination of the Report of the Department of Agriculture for Canada for the year ended March 31, 1963, with particular reference to the matters relating to the difference between the price received for feed grains by the producers in the prairie provinces of Western Canada and the price paid by livestock feeders in Eastern Canada and British Columbia. In the course of this examination the Committee has examined:

1. The Minister of Agriculture and his officials.
2. The Chief Commissioner and officials of the Board of Grain Commissioners.
3. The Assistant Chief Commissioner and officials of the Canadian Wheat Board.
4. Officials of The Canadian Federation of Agriculture, The Catholic Farmers' Union (U.C.C.) and The Coopérative Fédérée.
5. Officials of The Winnipeg Grain Exchange.
6. Officials of The Association for the Development and Protection of Eastern Agriculture Inc.
7. An official of The Maritime Cooperative Services, Limited.

Time did not permit your Committee to complete its examination of the said Report of the Department of Agriculture for Canada. Your Committee deems it necessary to examine other witnesses before reporting to the House with reference to the said Report and with particular reference to the matters of feed grains as above-mentioned.

Time did not permit your Committee to examine the Report of the Agricultural Stabilization Board for the year ended March 31, 1963.

Your Committee respectfully recommends that at the beginning of the next session of Parliament this Committee be organized as expeditiously as possible and the following items be referred to it:

1. The examination of the Report of the Agricultural Stabilization Board for the year ended March 31, 1963.