

Hon. Mr. DUFFUS: And the people.

Mr. PEART: And the people.

The CHAIRMAN: It is for the committee to decide now what further action is to be taken. The proceedings have been reported and can be printed. If we should decide not to go any further this year, the report will be available for next session.

Hon. A. L. BEAUBIEN: If we had typewritten or mimeographed copies of this morning's proceedings available next session they would be very helpful in the event that we decided to have an inquiry into this whole subject.

Hon. Mr. DUFFUS: Mr. Chairman, I think that copies of this morning's proceedings should be made available to members of the committee immediately, or as soon as possible.

The CHAIRMAN: The Chief Clerk of Committees informs me that the proceedings will be typewritten promptly, but that the Senate has no facilities for mimeographing.

Hon. Mr. DUFFUS: Then, Mr. Chairman, I move: That the committee report to the Senate recommending that authority be granted for the printing of 500 copies in English and 200 copies in French of the proceedings of the committee on the subject matter of the motion of the Honourable Senator McDonald (*Kings*) calling the attention of the Senate to discoveries of phosphate rock in the province of Quebec, and potash in the province of Saskatchewan, referred to the committee on July 2, 1947; and that Rule 100 be suspended insofar as it relates to the said printing.

Hon. A. L. BEAUBIEN: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. CRERAR: There is no doubt about the importance of commercial fertilizers in Canada. And from what Mr. Peart has told us, it will not be many years before we find difficulty in obtaining enough raw materials, especially phosphates and potash, from sources outside this country. Therefore I would suggest that Mr. Timm and his associates should prosecute their inquiries as diligently as possible between now and the next session of parliament in order to ascertain what can be done with the resources that we have. I am bound to say that information so far secured about the potash deposits in Saskatchewan does not give us much ground for hope. However, as further drilling is done additional information may become available, and my suggestion would be that the Mines Branch try to gather all the information that can be obtained, and analyse it and have it ready for presentation to a committee next session.

I have another suggestion, and Mr. Timm will know much better than I do whether or not it is practicable. It is that inquiries be continued as to methods of beneficiating the low-grade phosphates that we now have, with a view to making them commercially feasible. I long ago ceased to wonder at what can be achieved by scientific investigations, and I know that in the Mines Branch we have a very competent staff in that particular field.

The CHAIRMAN: Do you wish to put your suggestion in the form of a motion?

Hon. Mr. CRERAR: Perhaps that would be better, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: The Chief Clerk of Committees has made a rough draft of a motion, and I will ask him to read it.

THE CHIEF CLERK OF COMMITTEES: This is in a very rough form as yet, Mr. Chairman. It reads:

Your committee are in entire agreement with the terms of the motion of Honourable Senator McDonald (*Kings*) and beg to recommend