

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, May 26, 1943.

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Colonization met this day at 11 a.m. The Chairman, Mr. W. G. Weir, presided.

Members present: Messrs. Bertrand (*Prescott*), Black (*Chateauguay-Huntingdon*), Blair, Bourget, Cardiff, Cloutier, Cruickshank, Dechene, Diefenbaker, Douglas (*Weyburn*), Dubois, Evans, Fair, Ferron, Fontaine, Furniss, Golding, Henderson, Kirk, Laflamme, Lafontaine, Leclerc, Leger, Lizotte, MacDiarmid, MacKenzie (*Lambton-Kent*), McCuaig, McCubbin, McNevin (*Victoria, Ont.*), Matthews, Nielsen, (*Mrs.*), Perley, Rennie, Rheaume, Rickard, Ross (*Souris*), Ross (*Middlesex East*), Senn, Soper, Tustin, Ward, Weir, Whitman.—43.

In attendance: Hon. J. A. MacKinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce.

A quorum being present, the Chairman called the Committee to order and the Clerk read the Order of Reference.

Discussion followed and Mr. Vincent Dupuis, M.P. for Chambly-Rouville, requested the privilege of addressing the Committee. This being granted, Mr. Dupuis suggested to the Committee that a subcommittee be named to study Eastern farm problems.

Hon. J. A. MacKinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce, also addressed the Committee.

It was suggested by Mr. Golding that the chiefs of the various wartime boards relating to agriculture should be heard by the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Diefenbaker, seconded by Mr. Senn, it was

Resolved,—That the Committee do report to the House and recommend that it be empowered to inquire into and review the policy of the Government as administered by the Canadian Wheat Board from August 1, 1942, up to the present.

Yeas, 21; nays, 19.

Mr. McNevin (*Victoria, Ont.*), moved that the committee do now adjourn. Motion negatived.

Mr. Cruickshank moved, seconded by Mr. Leclerc,—

That the Committee report to the House and recommend that it be empowered to cover and inquire into Dairying, Poultry and all other lines of Farm Produce, including Live Stock, and the processing and marketing of all farm products.

Mr. Ross (*Souris*) moved in amendment thereto that all the words after "empowered" be struck out and the following words substituted therefor: "to review the research work of the Department of Agriculture and also the work of that Department in respect to wartime activities."

Amendment negatived. Main motion passed in the affirmative.