

Mr. COTE: Then, as a matter of fact, there is nothing by way of legal restriction, although there may be somewhat of a moral obligation on the part of the purchaser to abide by that restriction. The intention is that the man shall buy them for his own use and not for speculative purposes.

Mr. BENEDICKSON: Could we not take care of that angle of it by inserting a provision for a penalty being imposed if the property were not retained by the first purchaser?

Mr. DEROCHE: I am speaking only of machine tools. The legal officers have advised that such a restriction cannot be put into effect, cannot be imposed; once title to the property passes, ipso facto, no condition or penalty attaches.

Mr. HOMUTH: That again comes under the War Assets Corporation. We are getting away from the Crown Assets Allocation Committee.

Mr. COTE: I would suggest, Mr. Chairman, that we follow the suggestion of Mr. Homuth and that you put the question to the committee, if we are through with Crown Assets.

Mr. BENEDICKSON: Mr. Chairman, I have one more question arising out of the brief. I observe that you have provided a definition for "public body", and as defined by the Crown Assets Allocation Committee I think you said that that included hospitals, schools; and then you used the words, Boy Scout and other organizations. I would like to know in some detail all of the organizations of that nature that so far have been classed as public bodies.

Mr. DEROCHE: I guess I did not make myself clear, Mr. Benidickson. I said, the Boy Scouts organization is not included in our definition of "public body".

Mr. BENEDICKSON: Could you just read back that part of the brief then?

Mr. DEROCHE: I will read it again: the definition framed by the committee was this, that a public body be tentatively—and "tentatively" was put in there deliberately because of the difficulty of defining—be tentatively defined as a tax-supported public body or non-profit institution, such as a hospital or a school; and then a rider was added to that, that War Assets Corporation give special consideration to requests from organizations such as the Boy Scouts organization which were not public bodies within the above definition.

Mr. BENEDICKSON: We could ask War Assets what their practice is.

Mr. DEROCHE: Yes.

Mr. REID: I have one further question I would like to ask, Mr. Chairman: to what extent does the corporation go in regard to the valuation set by the various departments on items offered for sale? I have in mind a 1942 model Ford against which there is shown here an estimated value of \$250. I would like to get one myself at that price—that item appears on page 50—\$250. for a 1942 model Ford. Did your corporation check up that price to see that it was a just and equitable price?

Mr. DEROCHE: You will have to ask the corporation, Mr. Reid. These figures are the figures which are requested on the reported surpluses. We request when reporting surpluses to the committee that the original cost be shown, and that if possible—you will notice in checking it up that in many cases it is not possible—that if possible the estimated value be given. That is requested by the committee because it was felt that it might be of some use to the corporation. As to how much assistance it has been to the corporation you will have to ask the corporation.

Mr. REID: I will wait until later for that then, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: I am taking it for granted that it will be in order to excuse the witness and now call on Mr. Berry. Before calling on Mr. Berry I am going to make this suggestion to members; in respect to specific questions it is quite possible witnesses will not be able to answer them immediately. I have