

THE SENATE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND USE IN CANADA
EVIDENCE

OTTAWA Thursday, March 15, 1962.

The Special Committee on Land Use in Canada met this day at 10.30 a.m. Senator Arthur M. Pearson (*the Chairman*) in the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN: Honourable senators, in calling this meeting to order I would like to read into the record a list of the witnesses we have scheduled to appear before this committee up to April 12. As you know, today we have Mr. G. A. Kristjanson, Senior Rural Development Specialist, Manitoba Department of Agriculture and Conservation, Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Mr. Roger B. Truemner, Director, Regional Development Branch, Manitoba Department of Industry and Commerce, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

On March 22 we are to have as our witness Mr. Jean Baptiste Lanctot, Society Catholic d'Establishment Rural, of Montreal, Quebec. We expect to have at the same hearing Dr. W. J. Gallagher, General Secretary, Canadian Council of Churches, of Toronto, Ontario, although we have not had a clear indication from him yet to this effect.

On March 29 we will have as a witness Mr. Hartwell Daley, Director of Research, Prince Edward Island Department of Industry and Natural Resources.

On April 5 we will hear a representation from the Canadian Society of Rural Extension. Their spokesman will be Mr. Lloyd Rasmusson, Supervisor of District Agriculturalists, Alberta Department of Agriculture, Edmonton, Alberta. At the same meeting we will have as a witness Mr. W. A. Jenkins, Associate Director of Extension, Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Truro, Nova Scotia. We will also have on that occasion Dr. L. C. Paul of the Extension Department, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

On April 12 we will have a representation from the Co-operative Union of Canada. The witnesses on that day will be Dr. A. F. Laidlaw, National Secretary, Ottawa, Ontario, and Mr. Ralph Staples, also of Ottawa.

Honourable senators, that is our projected program to April 12. At this time I should like to introduce Mr. G. A. Kristjanson. Would you kindly give us a brief background of your position in the Manitoba Department of Agriculture and how you got there?

Mr. G. Albert Kristjanson, Senior Rural Development Specialist, Manitoba Department of Agriculture and Conservation: Mr. Chairman and honourable senators, first of all, may I express my appreciation for the opportunity of appearing before you to discuss rural development of Manitoba, in which I am so vitally interested.

In order to give you some background information about myself, I may say I was born and raised in the most famous community in Manitoba, known as Gimli. I attended the primary school there.

The CHAIRMAN: Senator Thorvaldson came from there also.

Mr. KRISTJANSON: Yes, Senator G. S. Thorvaldson came from that area.

I took my under-graduate work at Ontario Agricultural College, majoring in agricultural economics. Then I went to North Dakota and taught on the veterans' training program there for a year before going for my Master's