

Mr. Bater, from the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Colonization, presented the Third Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

On April 29 your Committee was instructed to inquire into and report on the subject of the prevalence of foot and mouth disease in the Province of Saskatchewan and its attendant ramifications. Since that date, your Committee has held 17 meetings and has heard the testimony of the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, the Veterinary Director General and other senior officers of the Department, stationed both in Ottawa and in Regina, regarding the circumstances surrounding the outbreak and spread of the disease and the measures now being employed to bring it under control.

Having considered the correspondence and records submitted together with the evidence adduced, your Committee is of the opinion that the officials of the Health of Animals Division, Department of Agriculture, followed the well defined plans laid down through long experience gained working in co-operation with their counterparts in the United States Bureau of Animal Industry to diagnose and combat stomatitis and foot and mouth disease. As a result of this action, foot and mouth disease in Canada is definitely under control and appears to have been eradicated.

Your Committee recognizes that it was and is most important that practices in Canada be similar to those in the United States so that Canadian livestock and other agricultural products may be permitted to re-enter the United States market at the earliest possible date, and commends the officials of the Health of Animals Division, Department of Agriculture, for having adhered to those practices both with regard to diagnosing and combating the disease.

Your Committee recommends continued and extensive research into all methods of diagnosis and control of animal contagious diseases in Canada.

A copy of the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence in relation thereto is appended.

*(For Minutes of Proceedings, Evidence, etc., accompanying said Report, see Appendix to the Journals, No. 14)*

Mr. Bater, from the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Colonization, presented the Fourth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

On April 28, 1952, the House referred to the Committee the Report of the Canadian Wheat Board for the crop year 1950-51, together with the Report of the Board of Grain Commissioners for 1951.

Your Committee has considered and approved the above mentioned reports.

A copy of the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence in relation thereto is appended.

*(For Minutes of Proceedings, Evidence, etc., accompanying said Report, see Appendix to the Journals, No. 15)*

Mr. Speaker then left the Chair, to resume the same at eight o'clock, p.m.