

I would then agree with you that it would probably be well to amend the motion. But as I understand the procedure the Chairman presents this motion and all documents to the House to-morrow with a recommendation, which must be concurred in by the House. When the Chairman moves his motion, you or any other person can ask to amend this in the House, basing your request on information that you have, and the Government can accept or refuse to amend it.

Mr. BENNETT (Simcoe): Make a substantive motion in the House.

Hon. Mr. REID: That is what I mean.

Mr. CARVELL: In the first place I do not expect to be in the House after 3 o'clock this afternoon. In the second place, if I were there I have not changed my mind a particle as to what the Minister has stated. This Committee has been investigating certain matters and we have gone as far as we can. Now the time has come for us to make recommendations to the House and in those recommendations we can include anything we have a mind to.

Hon. Mr. REID: Let me say just there: Would you not, by incorporating your suggested amendment in this motion, be making a reflection on the purchase of horses in other Provinces as to which we have no evidence whatever.

Mr. CARVELL: I do not care whether it is a reflection or not. I am not bothering my head about that. Let the Government investigate the purchase of horses all over Canada.

Hon. Mr. REID: That is all right.

Mr. CARVELL: I say that irregularities are alleged to have taken place in other Provinces, and that it is the duty of the Government to investigate them.

Hon. Mr. REID: Mr. Carvell is under the impression that the Government only intend to investigate two or three cases, and that with respect to the rest of the allegations nothing more will be heard about them.

Mr. CARVELL: I think probably we will never hear anything more about them.

Hon. Mr. REID: Let me assure the honourable gentleman that it is not by any means the last that will be heard of these inquiries; they will be prosecuted to the bitter end by the Government. The Inquiry made so far has only disclosed the occurrence of irregularities in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The honourable gentleman has referred to the other Provinces. Well, if similar irregularities are found to have occurred in other Provinces they will be thoroughly investigated, there will be no holding back from a thorough and complete exposure and prompt punishment. So far as I am concerned, I thought the motion was framed on fair lines, and that is, to continue the investigation where wrong doing has been shown to exist. It is only right that we should go on with the investigations already begun. Mr. Carvell has made the request that we extend the inquiry to other Provinces too. So far as the Province of Ontario is concerned I do not think it is fair to indulge in reflections when there is an entire absence of evidence of any wrong doing. As to the letters to which he has referred, I would ask him if he will give them to the Committee, so that the Government can extend the inquiry if it is shown to be necessary.

Mr. CARVELL: Most certainly, I will do that.

Hon. Mr. REID: That being the case, and the Committee having received the assurance that the Government will continue the investigation, I do not think it is fair to indulge in reflections on any other Province at the present time.

Mr. CARVELL: I cannot vote for that motion, first because of an untrue statement of fact. In the first paragraph it states that this Committee has had under investigation the purchase of horses in the province of New Brunswick. That is not true. All we had, so far as New Brunswick is concerned, was the Auditor Général's letters and the production of a certain number of cheques, alleged to have been paid for a certain number of horses. So far as Quebec is concerned, we have had about three or four witnesses examined about the purchase of horses. There is evidence on the record of the purchase of horses in the West, in Alberta and Saskatchewan. I think you will