

*The report was read by the Clerk Assistant, as follows:*

The Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, to whom was referred Bill 43, an Act to amend the Civil Service Act, have in obedience to the order of reference of December 17, 1951, examined the said bill and now beg leave to report the same without any amendment.

#### THIRD READING

**The Hon. the Acting Speaker:** Honourable senators, when shall the bill be read the third time?

**Hon. Mr. Robertson:** Now.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the third time, and passed.

### PRAIRIE GRAIN PRODUCERS' INTERIM FINANCING BILL

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**Hon. Mr. Hayden** presented the report of the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce on Bill 44, an Act to provide for Short-Term Credit to Grain Producers in the Prairie Provinces to meet Temporary Financial Difficulties arising from inability to complete Harvesting Operations or to make Delivery of Grain.

*The report was read by the Clerk Assistant, as follows:*

The Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, to whom was referred Bill 44, an Act to provide for Short-Term Credit to Grain Producers in the Prairie Provinces to meet Temporary Financial Difficulties arising from inability to complete Harvesting Operations or to make Delivery of Grain, have in obedience to the order of reference of December 17, 1951, examined the said bill, and now beg leave to report the same without any amendment.

#### THIRD READING

**The Hon. the Acting Speaker:** Honourable senators, when shall the bill be read the third time?

**Hon. Mr. Robertson:** Now.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the third time, and passed.

### CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS FINANCING AND GUARANTEE BILL

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**Hon. Mr. Hayden** presented the report of the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce on Bill 45, an Act to authorize the provision of moneys to meet certain commitments for new equipment incurred by the Canadian National Railways System during the calendar year 1951, and to authorize the guarantee by His Majesty of certain securities to be issued by the Canadian National Railway Company.

*The report was read by the Clerk Assistant as follows:*

The Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, to whom was referred Bill 45, an Act to authorize the provision of moneys to meet certain commitments for new equipment incurred by the Canadian National Railways System during the calendar year 1951, and to authorize the guarantee by His Majesty of certain securities to be issued by the Canadian National Railway Company, have in obedience to the order of reference of December 17, 1951, examined the said bill, and now beg leave to report the same without any amendment.

#### THIRD READING

**The Hon. the Acting Speaker:** Honourable senators, when shall the bill be read the third time?

**Hon. Mr. Robertson:** Now.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the third time, and passed.

### AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS BOARD BILL

#### SECOND READINGS

**Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson** moved the second reading of Bill 18, an Act to provide for the establishment of an Agricultural Products Board.

He said: Honourable senators will recall that during the war three boards were set up to handle the sale from government to government of food products. The Meat Board was set up to administer the agreements between Canada and Britain for sale and delivery of meat products, the Dairy Products Board to administer similar agreements for sale and delivery of cheese, and the Special Products Board to administer agreements for the sale and delivery of other agricultural products. These agreements were entered into and boards established under the War Measures Act.

Following the war, in 1947, an Act cited as The Agricultural Products Act was passed providing authority to continue the boards, with similar powers, through the transition period. This legislation was re-enacted annually until March 31, 1951, when it was allowed to expire. The terms of these measures, which required the authority provided under the War Measures Act or the Emergency Transitional Powers Act of 1945, gave to the boards, in periods of war or emergency, powers which in ordinary times could not be conferred by this parliament. These powers had to do mostly with compulsory delivery. It is not intended to confer such powers upon the board being set up by the terms of the bill which is before us.

This bill will set up one board, composed of persons employed in the different branches of the departments concerned with the purchase and sale of farm products. The board