

APPENDIX

ORDER IN COUNCIL APPOINTING ROYAL COMMISSION ON PRICE SPREADS
P.C. 1957-1632

Certified to be a true copy of a minute of a meeting of the committee of the privy council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General on the 10th December, 1957.

The committee of the privy council, on the recommendation of the Right Honourable John George Diefenbaker, the Prime Minister, advise that:

Dr. Andrew Stewart, Edmonton, Alberta; Mrs. Dorothy Walton, Toronto, Ontario; Mr. Howard MacKichan, Halifax, Nova Scotia; Mr. Romeo Martin, Montreal, Quebec; Dr. W. M. Drummond, Guelph, Ontario; Mr. Cleve Kidd, Toronto, Ontario, and Mr. Bernard Couvrette, Montreal, Quebec, be appointed commissioners under part I of the Inquiries Act, to:

(a) inquire into the extent and the causes of the spread between the prices received by producers of food products of agricultural and fisheries origin and the prices paid by consumers thereof;

(b) determine whether or not such price spreads in general or in particular cases are fair and reasonable, or are excessive, in relation to the services rendered;

(c) make such recommendations as they deem appropriate if any such price spreads are found to be excessive; and

(d) examine the adequacy of price information currently available.

The committee further advise:

1. That the commissioners be authorized to exercise all the powers set out in section 11 of the Inquiries Act;

2. That in the exercise of their powers to employ counsel, experts and assistants under section 11 of the Inquiries Act, the commissioners may authorize remuneration to such persons and reimbursement for their expenses within such limits and on such conditions as the treasury board may determine from time to time;

3. That the commissioners adopt such procedure and methods as they may from time to time deem expedient for the proper conduct of the inquiry and sit at such times and at such places in Canada as they may decide from time to time;

4. That the commissioners be assisted to the fullest extent by government departments and agencies;

5. That the commissioners report to the governor in council;

6. That Dr. Andrew Stewart be chairman of the commission.

R. B. Bryce,
Clerk of the privy council.