

Mr. McILRAITH: Why don't you ask Mr. Berry how many have already been sold?

Mr. PROBE: Mr. Berry stated that very few had been sold.

Mr. GOLDING: Mr. Chairman, let us get down to reference which has been given to this committee.

*By Mr. Golding:*

Q. In this matter of priorities, do the educational institutions and bodies throughout the dominion have any priorities regarding the purchase of this equipment.—A. Yes.

Q. They have?—A. Yes.

Mr. GOLDING: Then, about as far as we can go is this, we are supposed to make any recommendations we can with respect to economies; but it says here, consistent with the execution of the policy decided by the government. Now, the government itself must decide the policy. Our duty and responsibility here is to recommend economy consistent with that policy. It is not the policy at the moment to sell stuff at ten per cent to certain people, that is completely out of order and should not be suggested or moved by any member of this committee. That is not in keeping with the terms of reference that have been given to this committee. It would be entirely out of order for us to do that. I had a strong feeling myself; I read these resolutions from the educational bodies of one kind and another, and I had a strong feeling that we should give consideration to these representations. On the other hand, if you read your reference, we haven't any right under this reference to interfere in a matter of policy. It is up to the government themselves to decide whether they want to adopt a certain policy, not this committee. You are quite out of order. I was disposed to promote this idea myself, but I found that it would be entirely out of order for me to do so as a member of the committee.

Mr. COTE: You are prevented right there.

Mr. GOLDING: Yes.

Mr. COTE: Unless the committee were to obtain an extension to its order of reference I do not think we could touch it.

Mr. GOLDING: Any member speaking in the House has the right to get up and express his opinion on the address in reply or anything like that, but to make a motion for this committee to say you can do so and so, and so and so; that is entirely out of order.

Mr. PROBE: The War Assets Corporation has just stated that they set the policy.

The CHAIRMAN: Oh, no.

Mr. McILRAITH: We are not examining the policy.

Mr. PROBE: I disagree with Mr. Golding that we have not the right to introduce this motion, because I believe that it comes under the part including the disposal of war assets, enumerated and set out in the terms of reference. I do not want to argue this, but there were one or two points I thought I might go over. I am quite prepared to—

Mr. McILRAITH: Refer it to the steering committee.

Mr. PROBE: Yes, if the steering committee will take it for consideration.

*By Mr. Stewart:*

Q. I wonder if it would be possible, Mr. Berry, to supply us with a detailed list of buildings that have been sold. Would it be possible to get that?—A. It would be possible.

Q. I mean, a list of the buildings; the location of the building, the cost of the building and so on.—A. I believe we could supply that but it would involve much work.