

MONDAY, March 11, 1957.

The Committee met at 11.00 o'clock a.m. The Chairman, Mr. René Jutras, presided.

*Members present:* Messrs. Anderson, Bryce, Cardiff, Charlton, Dinsdale, Harkness, Johnson (*Kindersley*), Jones, Jutras, Kickham, Légaré, Mang, Massé, McCullough (*Moose Mountain*), Michaud, Montgomery, Nicholson, Patterson, Pommer, Purdy, Quelch, Robinson (*Bruce*), Smith (*Battle River-Camrose*), Studer, Thatcher, Weaver, White (*Waterloo South*), Weselak.—28.

*In attendance:* The Right Honourable James G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture; Mr. James Patterson, Manitoba Chairman of the Interprovincial Farm Union Council; Mr. Henry Young, Vice-President, Farmers Union of Alberta; Mr. Stanley Perka, Farmers Union of Alberta; Dr. E. C. Hope, Canadian Federation of Agriculture; Mr. G. J. Matte, Associate Director of Rehabilitation, Department of Agriculture, and Mr. W. R. Bird, Director, Prairie Farm Assistance Act, Regina, Saskatchewan.

The Committee proceeded to the study of Bill 157, An Act to amend the Prairie Farm Assistance Act.

At the invitation of the Chairman, the Right Honourable Mr. Gardiner spoke briefly to make a correction to a statement made by him in the House a few days before.

Messrs. Matte and Bird were in turn called to address the Committee. They outlined their respective functions and explained the mode of administration of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act. They commented on the amendments to the Act brought forward in the Bill now under consideration.

The Right Honourable Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Matte and Mr. Bird answered many questions put to them by the members of the committee.

And the study of the bill still continuing, it was postponed to the next sitting.

At 1.00 o'clock p.m. the Committee adjourned to meet again at 11.00 o'clock a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, March 12.

Antoine Chassé,  
Clerk of the Committee.