

Q. Is it then that policy committees in which the projects are advanced to the point where the decision is ready then to be taken by government?—A. Yes sir. What happens is that if I have examined them in the field and after the technical experts have examined them, then they come to the policy committee.

Q. Then the chain of reporting runs something like this: from a local field to you, from you to the policy committee and from the policy committee to cabinet?—A. That is correct, sir.

Q. There is one general question which I would like to ask in relation to your long experience and the many years you have spent in India and the far east. Looking at Canada's contribution of \$100 million over the past four years in relation to a need which, I suppose is infinite—if there is any such thing as an infinite human need—and taking account of all the factors that have been working sometimes together and sometimes at odds with one another in that part of the world, would you say that Canada's contribution has played an effective part in accomplishing the high purposes that parliament conceived for it when it first approved the plan and then in succeeding years continued that assistance?—A. Yes sir, I most emphatically would say so.

Q. From the view point of dollars you think we have had good value for our outlay and we take it also that you feel we have done something effective as a friendly nation and a sister nation of the commonwealth in furthering the very high objectives that the plan was conceived to aid?—A. Yes sir, I think so, and I think the credit for that belongs in most part to the policy committee which has very largely been responsible for keeping the whole thing on the rails. I mean, if you get the top officials of finance, the bank and the other departments of Government advising then I think you can rest assured that the main objectives of the Colombo Plan are kept in view all the time and projects are not entered into which do not make a real contribution to the overall economic betterment of those countries.

By Mr. Patterson:

Q. Mr. Cavell, there is some information I am interested in securing, and perhaps it is contained in the tables you are tabling today. My question is what would be the aggregate value of agriculture projects that are being put into these countries in connection with the generation of counterpart funds by all the participating nations? How much are they sending in on that plan?—A. All the participating nations?

Q. Yes. I want to get how much Canada was sending and the aggregate amount that was sent by all the participating nations. I would like to have it in percentages. Would that be in the tables?—A. No sir. The tables would contain what Canada has contributed in flour and wheat, but those are the only agricultural products we have contributed.

Q. You would not have information concerning the other nations?—A. We could get it for you, but I do not have it in my head. A lot of it has come from the United States of course, and we would have to get the figures from there.

Q. I was also interested in securing the same information regarding agricultural machinery and industrial machinery. I would like to know the percentage Canada contributed and the percentage contributed by all the participating nations.—A. We could work that out for you, but I have not got it off hand.

Q. I would be interested in obtaining that.

The CHAIRMAN: Of course, it might take a little time for the officials to get it. I doubt very much if it would be here in time to appear in today's printed minutes. You do not have a list in your office at the moment?

The WITNESS: No.