

There are considerable difficulties about getting this potash out because it lies more than 3,000 feet underground. We were given a description of the work which this company has done during the last five years, in boring down, under the most troublesome conditions and through some of the most difficult terrain, to get to the potash at the bottom of this 3,000-foot level. It was a gamble and luckily the gamble appears to have paid off because in June of this year, for the first time, the company got its borings down to the 3,000-foot level and produced its first potash.

I think this is a venture which should be encouraged. It is heartening to everyone to know that the province of Saskatchewan will have this considerable industry to depend upon in the future, in addition to its original basic industry of wheat, and its oil which has been discovered in the last few years.

The company which has done this mining is a wholly-owned Canadian subsidiary of an American corporation called International Minerals and Chemical Corporation of Illinois. As I have said, it has worked five years on this gamble and spent \$40 million. When it gets into complete production it expects to ship 1,200,000 tons of this potash annually. The company employs about 400 people in the town of Esterhazy, Saskatchewan.

This development gives us cause for reflection. Sometimes we are critical when American capital comes in here, but I would like to ask honourable senators what Canadian industry would be in a position to gamble \$40 million over a period of five years in the way in which this corporation has. I think they should be encouraged.

**Some Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

**Hon. Mr. Hugessen:** There is a further consideration, namely, our international exchange position. They tell us that as a result of the production and sale of this potash, a very large proportion of which will go outside the country, the exchange position of this country will be benefited to the extent of \$17 million a year.

For those considerations, honourable senators, I think the committee was fully and unanimously satisfied in recommending this bill for the favourable consideration of the Senate.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. A. J. Brooks:** Honourable senators, I move, with leave of the Senate, that when the Senate adjourns today it do stand

adjourned until Tuesday next, October 23, 1962, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Motion agreed to.

#### LAND USE

##### SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED

**Hon. A. J. Brooks:** Honourable senators, I move the following motion standing in my name on the Order Paper:

That a special committee of the Senate be appointed to consider and report on land use in Canada and what should be done to ensure that our land resources are most effectively utilized for the benefit of the Canadian economy and the Canadian people, and, in particular, to increase both agricultural production and the incomes of those engaged in it;

That the committee be composed of the Honourable Senators Basha, Boucher, Buchanan, Cameron, Crerar, Emerson, Fournier (Madawaska-Restigouche), Gershaw, Gladstone, Higgins, Hollett, Horner, Inman, Leonard, MacDonald (Queens), McGrand, Méthot, Molson, Pearson, Power, Smith (Kamloops), Smith (Queens-Shelburne), Stambaugh, Taylor (Norfolk), Taylor (Westmorland), Turgeon, Vaillancourt, Veniot and Welch.

That the committee have power to engage the services of such counsel and technical and clerical personnel as may be necessary for the purpose of the inquiry;

That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to sit during sittings and adjournments of the Senate, and to report from time to time;

That the evidence taken on the subject during the seven preceding sessions be referred to the committee.

Honourable senators, it is not my intention to speak at length on this motion, which I know is so well understood by all senators present.

The Special Committee on Land Use has been functioning for seven sessions, and we are asking that it carry on for another session at least. As the motion sets out, the committee is asked to report on land use in Canada, what should be done to ensure its best use for increased production, and to assist in increasing the income of our farming population.

I am sure that the work of this committee over the last six or seven sessions speaks for itself. It has done an excellent job in recent sessions under the chairmanship of the honourable senator from Lumsden (Hon. Mr. Pearson), and in previous sessions under the chairmanship of the honourable senator from