

Q. It is all given to War Assets?—A. It is all given to War Assets Corporation when it is surplus to requirement in any one government department.

Q. Yes, but who decides what; who gives the department the opportunity of stepping in there?

Mr. COTE: How does the Crown Assets Allocation Committee get into the picture?

The WITNESS: The Crown Assets Allocation Committee is the committee which recommends to the minister of reconstruction and supply the general policy under which surplus shall be handled and disposed of. It is a non-functional body, it is a policy body entirely.

*By Mr. Golding:*

Q. But you see I have had some correspondence about equipment of this sort in connection with the schools and camps up in our county, there are four or five such places in our county. I was advised that it would be referred to the War Assets Allocation Committee and that if the departments did not want any of it, then it would eventually be passed over to your organization.—A. That is relatively correct. If these schools came into one of the priority brackets, then they would make application to the Crown Assets Allocation committee for a priority, for a relatively correct priority on the materials they required. The Crown Assets Allocation Committee would then forward that request for priority, to War Assets Corporation so that when the specific material was declared surplus War Assets would match up that priority request and try to comply with the request and see still whether they still wanted it or not.

*By Mr. Stewart:*

Q. What happens in a case where the minister of supplies is called, to lease, lend, sell or otherwise dispose of a plant, buildings or equipment on location? Where does the minister get this asset from? From the Crown assets allocation committee or from the War Assets Corporation? How does he decide that he is going to sell outside of the corporation?—A. He would give instructions to the corporation, that being the only sales agency of the government.

Q. Take the case of the R.E.L. plant, were those buildings sold or disposed of without the knowledge of the War Assets Corporation?—A. I have no knowledge of that having been done.

Q. What is that?—A. I have no knowledge of that.

Mr. McILRAITH: Who was the purchaser?

Mr. STEWART: The Corning Glass Company.

The WITNESS: That plant was sold through the War Assets Corporation. The sale was documented by the War Assets Corporation.

*By Mr. Reid:*

Q. Might I ask Mr. Berry one other question, Mr. Chairman? I think Mr. Berry rather intimated that part of that material had been taken over by his corporation, part of the Boundary Bay material, had been declared surplus. Could he tell us from whom with respect to British Columbia—let us be specific and say Vancouver—one must seek information regarding that material?—A. I was hopeful, gentlemen, that in my original brief on Tuesday I had made it quite clear that the supply department was the custodian section of War Assets Corporation for all surplus and that the merchandising department was concerned only with the sale of merchandise prepared for sale by the supply department. If any information is required as regards the material being