REPORT TO THE HOUSE

DECEMBER 16, 1963.

The Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce has the honour to present its

THIRTEENTH REPORT

Your Committee has considered Bill C-5, An Act to amend the Bankruptcy Act (Primary Products under Processing), and has agreed to report it with the following recommendations:

Your Committee has heard evidence on Bill C-5 from farm organizations and other interests and is of the opinion that the evidence presented to the Committee has underlined the necessity of legislative action to achieve the purposes of the Bill, and has demonstrated that primary producers—especially primary producers of agricultural products—suffer genuine hardship, have a legitimate grievance, and need protection beyond that now available in the event of bankruptcy of the processors of their products.

Your Committee therefore recommends to the Government that the grievances disclosed by its study of this Bill be dealt with in appropriate amendments to the bankruptcy act and other relevant legislation at the next Session of the House.

A copy of the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence respecting the Bill (Issues 1 and 2, and 4 to 9 inclusive) is appended.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND T. ASSELIN, Chairman.

(NOTE: The Eleventh and Twelfth Reports deal with Private Bills in respect of which no Proceedings were published.)