

The committee are informed by Saskatchewan Members that your Government is interested in this subject and I am instructed to advise that if you care to submit any evidence or be represented every possible courtesy and facility will be accorded your representative at committee meetings.

Yours very truly,

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*Clerk of Banking and Commerce Committee.*

Mr. VALLANCE: Mr. Chairman, might I ask whether the committee suggested that the other provincial governments which are carrying on a similar investigation be given an opportunity to appear here. There are three of the provincial governments to-day doing just what Saskatchewan is doing. Why single Saskatchewan out?

The CHAIRMAN: I did not know that they were.

Mr. MCPHEE: I understood the other day when this matter was suggested by Mr. Campbell that it was not going to be acted upon. We appointed a sub-committee. I suggested that the other day. Now, apparently, the letter has gone out without it being submitted to the main committee.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE: I think it is only reasonable that if one province is asked to co-operate all provinces should be asked.

Mr. F. R. McMILLAN: I move that a similar invitation be extended to the other provinces.

The CHAIRMAN: We did not ask for co-operation. We advised him that if he cared to submit any evidence or be represented every possible courtesy would be accorded him. We did not call him here; and I will be very glad if it is the wish of the committee to write a similar letter to any other province. If that is the wish of the committee, certainly that will be done.

Mr. BAKER: This letter does not obligate us as to expenses. They will pay the whole expense?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Mr. VALLANCE: It is an understood thing in all committees of this house that any individual, any Canadian who is interested, may appear before a committee of this house. Why should an invitation go out—even a suggestion to them that they do appear unless that this committee is prepared to pay their expenses? It is an understood thing that is the reason why we have these committees, because the public can be heard in these committees whereas they could not be heard on the floor of the house.

The CHAIRMAN: I did not know that the other governments were carrying on a similar inquiry. We will certainly be pleased to write similar letters to other provinces; but Mr. Campbell had been in communication with Saskatchewan and had pressed the matter and the committee understood it was the desire of the committee that that should be done. However, that will be attended to. We will proceed with Dr. Donnelly.

Mr. DONNELLY: I have very little to add in presenting the subject of this investigation before the committee to what I have already said in the house on February 11 in connection with this investigation into the prices of gasoline, and, I think, that probably I would do well at this point to submit the speech which I made in the house on February 11 to this committee in the way of evidence. At that time in the house I endeavoured to show, first of all, the extent to which gasoline has been used and is being used throughout the Dominion of Canada and how, for the last two years, it has grown in importance until at the present time we are using something in the neighbourhood of