

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, July 9, 1947.

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources have in obedience to the order of reference of 2nd July, 1947, considered the subject matter of the following Motion moved in the Senate by the Honourable Senator McDonald (*Kings*):—

That, in view of the recent discoveries of high-grade phosphate rock in the Saguenay area in the province of Quebec, and of good quality potash in the province of Saskatchewan, the Dominion and Provincial governments confer with a view to taking prompt action to have mines developed in order to make available to our farmers, at fair prices, these high-grade chemicals, which are necessary in building up soils, and in the production of maximum crops, so that Canada may be self-sufficient so far as requirements of chemical fertilizers are concerned.

and now beg leave to report thereon as follows:—

1. The Committee heard and examined the following witnesses:—

W. B. Timm, Director, Mines and Geology Branch, Department of Mines and Resources.

G. S. Peart, Administrator, Fertilizers and Pesticides, Department of Agriculture.

M. F. Goudge, Mineral Resources Division, Department of Mines and Resources.

L. H. Cole, Mineral Resources Division, Department of Mines and Resources.

2. The Committee are in entire agreement with the terms of the Motion and beg to recommend that co-operative steps be taken by the proper Federal and Provincial authorities to continue the investigations into the possibilities of developing on a commercial scale the discoveries already made.

3. A copy of the evidence of the witnesses is appended hereto.

4. The Committee recommended that authority be granted for the printing of 500 copies in English and 200 copies in French of the proceedings of the Committee on the said subject matter; and that Rule 100 be suspended insofar as it relates to the said printing.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. DONNELLY,
Chairman.

With leave of the Senate,
The said Report was adopted.