

## MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

June 3, 1943.

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Colonization met this day at 11 o'clock, a.m. The Chairman, Mr. W. G. Weir, presided.

The CHAIRMAN: Now, gentlemen, at our last meeting we had Mr. McIvor before the committee, and Mr. McIvor read the report as far as page 12, which was for the most part a general statement by Mr. McIvor. Would the committee be prepared now to call Mr. Findlay to proceed to deal with the various accounts in the report? Mr. McIvor will remain with us to discuss all matters that arise with which Mr. Findlay cannot deal, and he will come before the committee again at a later date. However, it would be convenient all around if Mr. Findlay could be brought on to deal with these detailed matters so as to leave him free to return to the Winnipeg office at the earliest possible date.

Mr. PERLEY: May I suggest that Mr. McIvor reviewed what one might term the preamble to the accounts at our last meeting, and I presume he is going to be available to the committee at a later date. I was going to ask that certain documents be tabled, and I was going to ask one or two questions with respect to this preliminary statement made by Mr. McIvor. Maybe he could answer my questions to-day. I was going to ask that agreements be tabled if that will be in order at the present time. I would not take very long in putting a few questions to Mr. McIvor covering what he reviewed at our last meeting, because they might involve some questions which might be asked of Mr. Findlay later.

The CHAIRMAN: Personally, I have no objection. I understood at the last meeting that we would have a general statement from McIvor and then proceed with Mr. Findlay's evidence so as to allow him to give explanations and to give detailed information with respect to various accounts that are set up in the report.

Mr. McNEVIN: That was the understanding. Mr. Findlay's explanation of these accounts might very easily eliminate some of those questions that might be asked, and I think we would make greater progress if we went through Mr. Findlay's statement, then Mr. McIvor will be available for any further questioning.

Mr. PERLEY: There are certain matters with respect to Mr. McIvor's statement upon which I should like to ask two or three questions before we proceed with Mr. Findlay. I was going to ask that the agreements that have been made with the different grain companies and grain firms operating in the interior and also the exporters be tabled, and also any agreements that they have with brokers, and also the list of brokers that was used last year be tabled. Would there be any objection to tabling those documents? I would like to get the agreements up to date which they have with the grain companies, with the exporters, the terminal elevators and the brokers.

The CHAIRMAN: Would you set out what you want?

Mr. PERLEY: I want that.

The CHAIRMAN: I think it is necessary to put it before the committee in the form of a motion.