

Island and the mainland and spray the area. They are, and have been for some time studying the effect on fish life, food, agriculture and other things. This spraying extends over miles.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Nicholson, might I say that in preparing the agenda in respect of this subject matter I have the permission of the committee to call the Minister of Forestry and his officials. This could be incorporated in the agenda.

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: In New Brunswick the same situation pertains. In one instance the federal Department of Fisheries sued a crown corporation. It was a joint federal, provincial and pulp and paper company venture. The fisheries department lost a lot of fingerling salmon as a result of spruce budworm spraying. There is some balance there and it may be interesting to hear the philosophy of the balance.

The CHAIRMAN: I think if Mr. Nicholson's suggestion could be adhered to we could bring in both agriculture and forestry, and in that way I think we can do things properly.

Mr. NICHOLSON: I think there is an assistant deputy minister who has a broad background of experience in respect of the tests for the control of the budworm and other insects. I am inclined to think that this assistant deputy minister or the director in charge of this branch might be more helpful rather than the minister.

The CHAIRMAN: It is anticipated that we will be discussing the aspect of the government's responsibility and therefore initially should call the minister to give a statement. Then we might have the officials of the department who are necessary in helping us complete our investigation.

Mr. RYNARD: I am wondering, Mr. Chairman, if we should follow Mr. Baldwin's suggestion and have someone from the Department of Justice so that we might have his views in respect of the various things we can do. Take, for instance, the department of lands and forests. In the province of Ontario that department is under the provincial government, and perhaps we should have their field clearly defined before we start into a federal program which may interfere with a provincial program. Let us know what our fields are. I think it might be worth while to have that made plain before we get too deeply into the matter.

The CHAIRMAN: Is there any discussion on that point?

Is it the wish of the committee that I get in touch with the Department of Justice in order to have someone prepare a statement in respect of the responsibility of this committee pertaining to the division of responsibility between the federal and the provincial governments?

Mr. FAIRWEATHER: Not if we are to be restricted.

The CHAIRMAN: No. It is not our intention that this committee is to be restricted.

Mr. VALADE: I think this committee is involved with investigating into the history and use of drugs and pesticides; we are not going to impose on any legislative or provincial jurisdiction. As a fact-finding committee I think it does not matter whether it is a provincial or federal jurisdiction. We just want to bring out the problem and, after that, the responsibility would be shared by the provincial or federal government, if it comes to a solution.

The CHAIRMAN: Is it the wish of the committee that a departmental official from the Justice Department be called to give an explanation or should we reserve this for the latter part of our hearings.

Mr. RYNARD: My thought, Mr. Chairman, was not to have any interference whatsoever. It was just so that we would know what the situation was legally. I hope I did not intimate that there should be any restrictions applied at all.