

EVIDENCE

THURSDAY, December 19, 1963.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, I think we have a quorum. With the committee's permission we will start now.

I will ask Mr. Levesque to read the minutes of the subcommittee's meeting which took place on Tuesday. (*See Report of Minutes of Proceedings*).

The CHAIRMAN: You have heard the minutes of the subcommittee's meeting. Are they adopted by this committee?

Agreed.

Mr. PIGEON: Mr. Chairman, on Tuesday, December 10, 1963, I placed a motion before the committee, seconded by Mr. Vincent. The motion was

That the committee recommend to the government that legislative measures be taken at the next session with a view to establishing an agency for feed grains to stabilize the price of feed grain in eastern Canada and British Columbia.

As you know, we probably close the session tomorrow. I know the committee will continue its work in the next session, but if we wait until the next session it will be impossible for the government to take any steps along these lines. For those reasons I would very much appreciate it if the committee would decide on this matter this morning so that if the wish of the committee is that such an agency be established this policy can be included in the throne speech.

Mr. OLSON: Is this the last group which wishes to make representations to this committee before we write the report?

The CHAIRMAN: No, we have two other witnesses who have indicated they would like to appear before the committee. One is Mr. Frank Howard, member of parliament for Skeena, and the other is the Montreal corn exchange. As the committee members know, we have no time to hear any more witnesses in this session, and we wish to report to the house. The draft report is ready for consideration by the committee this afternoon. I would like the assistance of the committee in this matter. My feeling, Mr. Pigeon, with respect, is that the matter you raised would be quite properly raised this afternoon when the committee sits to consider its report. As I say, I will ask for the assistance of the committee on this, whether or not they wish to deal with your motion now. However, we have Dr. Walsh here, and I think most members would like to conclude this meeting by 11 o'clock when the house sits. I think this afternoon would be the appropriate time to deal with your motion.

Mr. PIGEON: I agree, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

Gentlemen, I would like to introduce Dr. Waldo Walsh to you. Dr. Walsh is the director of the Maritime Cooperative Advisory Services, and I am going to ask him if he will be kind enough, not letting modesty restrain him, just to give the committee a brief background of his qualifications and experience in this field and then go on with some remarks that he would like to make to the committee. When those are concluded, members may like to ask some questions of Dr. Walsh.