

Mr. WOOD: In order to have the work of the committee run more smoothly I think we should have a steering committee consisting of about ten members, including the chairman, and I move that the chairman be authorized to select a committee consisting of ten members of this committee.

The CHAIRMAN: You have all heard the motion. All in favour?

Carried.

Now we will come to the procedure. For the information of the committee I would now state that we have with us this morning Mr. J. G. Taggart, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, who would be prepared to give a brief statement on the organization of the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of making clear to the committee the place and function of each of the divisions concerned with the control of animal diseases.

Following Mr. Taggart, it is suggested that the committee hear Dr. Thomas Childs, Veterinary Director General, who is the professional and administrative head of the Health of Animals division.

Following Dr. Childs, it is suggested that the committee hear Dr. C. A. Mitchell, who is chief of the division of Animal Pathology.

Would some one move that that would be the procedure to start the inquiry?

Mr. MURRAY (*Cariboo*): I so move.

The CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. George Murray. You have all heard the motion of Mr. Murray that the procedure as suggested to start the inquiry be adopted. All in favour? Opposed?

Agreed.

Now we have to decide on the next meeting, the business and witnesses to be called. I presume we will take that up at the conclusion of this meeting.

Mr. FAIR: Mr. Chairman, when dealing with that matter, I suggest you get a larger room than this one, because there is here a danger of contamination of foot and mouth disease and we have to look out for that.

The CHAIRMAN: As I said, we have Mr. J. G. Taggart, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, with us this morning.

Mr. BROWNE: That is a practical suggestion that was made about getting a larger room. Those of us who are standing would like to sit down. Is there any chance of getting more chairs or getting a larger room?

The CHAIRMAN: I am sorry, but the large railway committee room is being occupied this morning. It is regretful, but we are rather short of rooms.

Mr. BROWNE: I suppose, then, we can get some more chairs?

**Mr. J. G. Taggart, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, called:**

The WITNESS: Mr. Chairman, it has been suggested that a brief statement on the organization of the Department of Agriculture, with particular reference to the place of those divisions concerned with the control of disease, would be helpful to the committee. Accordingly, I shall try to give you that brief statement. First, the department consists of operating units which might be described as commodity divisions. These divisions in turn are grouped under administrative heads on something approaching a functional basis. The main groups are, and I am thinking of the regular departmental organization, Production, Marketing, Experimental farms and Science Service. In addition, there are the other administrative groups having to do with rehabilitation, marshland and prairie, and the price of Support function of the Prices Support Board and the Prairie Farm Assistance Act, but I am not mentioning them