

answered as they are on the order paper. The government has refused to answer that question and has sent Mr. Fleming to this committee to get the answer. I think Mr. Fleming is entitled to an answer.

Mr. MARQUIS: I think Mr. Fleming is entitled to have an answer on the points as to which the officials can give information, but on the other matters if the officials of the War Assets Corporation are not able to give the information Mr. Fleming should be kind enough to put the balance of his question on the order paper so as to have an answer from the minister in the House of Commons.

Mr. COTE: I think this whole discussion is out of order. Mr. Fleming has been allowed to place his request before the committee. That is well. No discussion should be allowed on this request until it has been referred to the steering committee. The steering committee is the group of members of the main committee which is authorized to determine the procedure of the main committee. It should rest in the hands of the steering committee to decide what the procedure will be as to this request of Mr. Fleming.

Mr. PROBE: In that regard will you include the question which was asked by Mr. Castleden yesterday, No. 1? I can see that many of these questions cannot be answered orally. In the case of question No. 1, for example, there is no doubt that it would require a fairly voluminous report by the sales branch of the War Assets Corporation. Answering Mr. McIlraith it may be that the minister does not need to divulge to the House matters of government policy. That is quite within his prerogative, but when it becomes a matter of War Assets Corporation policy we are entitled to know what the policy of War Assets Corporation is. Therefore we have almost a better lever by virtue of the fact that those questions were referred to War Assets Corporation. I am sorry they were not answered in the House but at the same time if we are going to get the answers in the proceedings of the committee I am quite satisfied.

The CHAIRMAN: We will include question No. 1 and you will sponsor it, Mr. Probe?

Mr. PROBE: Yes.

#### No. 1—*Mr. Castleden*

March 14—1. What persons or companies, if any, have been paid or allowed commission by surplus War Assets Corporation on sales or exchange of goods by that corporation?

2. What is the amount of commission to each person or company?

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, are you ready for Mr. Berry?

Mr. McILRAITH: There is one other question which some other member asked. It should be included, too.

Mr. JACKMAN: Fifty-four.

Mr. PROBE: That is right.

Mr. GOLDING: Mr. Chairman, just before you proceed—

The CHAIRMAN: Just a minute until I make sure of No. 54. Mr. Jackman, will you sponsor No. 54?

Mr. JACKMAN: Yes, I will sponsor No. 54.

#### No. 54—*Mr. Fraser*

March 28—1. What machine tools, equipment, motion picture projectors, typewriters, hand-tools and other material suitable for vocational training and educational instruction have been sold, or turned over by the War Assets Corporation to educational bodies in Canada?

2. What is the value of such goods sold, or given, to these bodies according to each province?