

the assurance of this witness (Mr. Berry) and I have a similar statement from other witnesses who will be appearing before the committee, that they will get you the answers to all your questions for the sitting following the one at which they are asked. Therefore, with a view to saving time, I suggest that you be specific in the wording of your questions, and you will have your answers as directly as possible at the next following meeting.

Mr. PROBE: Are they to be given orally or put on the record?

The CHAIRMAN: You may put them on the record.

Mr. SHAW: Does this conclude matters relating to the Crown Assets Allocation Committee, are we through with them?

The CHAIRMAN: No. No.

Mr. SHAW: I just wanted to be sure about that.

The CHAIRMAN: As a matter of fact, I have asked those gentlemen to be in constant attendance until we have concluded with both the Crown Assets Allocation Committee and the War Assets Corporation.

I will now call on Mr. Berry: who I understand is the president of War Assets Corporation.

Mr. J. H. BERRY recalled:

The WITNESS: Mr. Chairman, before I start; at the last meeting mention was made of copies of briefs in sufficient numbers to make available to each member of the committee. We were not able to prepare our brief in connection with the Crown Assets Allocation Committee in sufficient numbers of copies but I have copies of the brief being presented to-day, and perhaps you would care to have them distributed.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

Mr. McILRAITH: It might be helpful to the committee if I pointed out that the other day I tabled the annual report of War Assets Corporation. I would, however, like to call attention to the organization chart. You will note that the report is up to March 31, 1945, and that the chart is out of date, the one which appears as the War Assets Annual Report.

Mr. HOMUTH: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Berry has a throat infection. This appears to be quite an extensive brief and I was just wondering if somebody could assist Mr. Berry in the reading of it.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Berry says that if he finds the reading hard on his throat he has arranged to have someone assist him in the presentation of his brief.

Mr. BERRY: I would rather like to assume my share of the duties, and if my throat holds out I think I should like to present it personally.

The CHAIRMAN: Proceed, Mr. Berry.

Mr. BERRY: Mr. Chairman and gentlemen: subject to your concurrence, I propose to present to you a picture of War Assets Corporation, and of its predecessor War Assets Corporation Limited, by means of briefs and statistics, each report to be presented by the executive of the corporation having the greatest knowledge of the facts.

Unfortunately, there have been quite a number of changes in the top personnel of the corporation, and certain questions may arise which the executive presenting the report will be unable to answer immediately, due to the matter concerning which information is required having been dealt with either by another member of the corporation or a late member.