

Mr. WEICHEL: I have been asking about the Syme's applications. They may appear to walk easier, but I think probably they have just as much trouble with them as I have.

Dr. CRAWFORD: The answer to that is that we just do not know; that is what we are trying to find out.

Mr. WEICHEL: That is right.

The CHAIRMAN: Is there anything you wish to add, Mr. Bell?

Mr. BELL: No sir.

The CHAIRMAN: Well, if there are no further questions, I would like, on behalf of the members of the Committee to thank you, Mr. Bell, and your colleagues for coming and for explaining some of the points you have made. We wish you success for the next year.

Mr. BELL: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: Now, gentlemen, I am in the hands of the committee, but before we adjourn there is an item I would like to bring up. Do you wish to proceed with the estimates for a while this morning? We have the departmental officials with us, and we might as well go on.

Mr. HERRIDGE: I think that is a good idea.

The CHAIRMAN: We have about 35 minutes left, so I shall again call item 457

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And then you will have a chance to make general remarks.

Mr. FORGIE: The first remark I would like to make is this: I would like to say that we have lost a valued official of the Veterans Land Act in the person of Brigadier Rutherford. I would like to say that Brigadier Rutherford did a magnificent job as chairman of the Veterans Land Act, and I am sure he will do a good job under the Farm Credit Corporation. I am sure we all wish him the very best of luck.

Mr. HERRIDGE: I want to endorse what Mr. Forgie has said, and wish Brigadier Rutherford every success in his new undertaking.

Mr. DINSDALE: I think it is a compliment, following Brigadier Rutherford's connection with the Veterans Land Act, that he has now been chosen for perhaps a larger sphere of responsibility in the same type of work.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Walter.

Mr. HERRIDGE: I was wondering if in order possibly to save unnecessary questions and time, if the deputy minister could give us a short resume of any changes or things which have been done since the last committee met.

Mr. L. LALONDE, O.B.E., E.D., B.A., LL.B. (*Deputy Minister*): Mr. Chairman, before we do that—I am sorry that some of the members have had to leave, because I wanted to distribute to each member a folder containing a comparative statement—a financial statement—between last year and our estimates for the next fiscal year, as well as a copy of the latest annual report.

I think probably these two documents would be very helpful to all the members in making a comparison between what has happened in the last fiscal year and what we are forecasting for the next; and also I think that the annual report will give you some idea of the trend that the department is experiencing in dealing with the various aspects of this work. Perhaps Mr. Black would distribute these to the members present.

The CHAIRMAN: We could have them sent out by the clerk.

Mr. LALONDE: Whatever you wish to do.

The CHAIRMAN: No. You may distribute them.