

(2) That in order to assist in the improvement of marginal lands which require considerable amounts of phosphatic fertilizer to develop their potential productive capacity, the tonnage of phosphatic fertilizer reasonably required and available be reserved for this purpose; the tonnage to be allocated to farmers for the development and improvement of these lands; and the allocations to be subsidized so as to reduce the price of these allocations to a reasonable level.

(3) The Committee, as already stated, is strongly of the opinion that the development of marginal lands and the resulting increase in production will not only increase our exportable surplus, but will be to the direct advantage of the whole of the primary industries of the country through bringing more land into use and increasing the supply of store stock. In view of this and because this purpose appears clearly in accordance with the terms of subsection 2 (b) of section 22 of the Dairy Products Marketing Commission Act, 1947, which state that out of the Dairy Industry Account may be paid "any moneys which the Commission, the Dairy Board, and the Minister agree shall be payable . . . for any purpose which they deem to be of benefit to the Dairy industry"; and because this purpose is also in accordance with the agreement between the Government and the Meat Producers' Board, as stated in the letter from the Prime Minister to the Chairman of the Board, 30th November, 1944, which declared that "the balance finally remaining in the Meat Pool Account and the Meat Industry Stabilization Account belong to and shall be held for the benefit of the Industry", the Committee is of the opinion that the cost of the subsidy should come out of these accounts, and it accordingly recommends that the Government open discussions with the representatives of the Meat and Dairying industries with this object in view.

7th November, 1947.

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