

REPORT ON MEETING of the COMMITTEE of
the WARE POTATO DIVISION of THE SCOTTISH
POTATO TRADE ASSOCIATION held at 261
Wallace Street, GLASGOW, at 11.30 a.m.
on THURSDAY, 29th APRIL, 1971.

PRESENT: Messrs. A.D. Williamson, J. Robertson, N. Law, M.K. Mathie,
A.W. Adair, P. McDougall, I.P. Fulton, G.G. Donald and T. McClung,
along with Mr. R. David Hunter, the Secretary.

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Mr. J. Aitken.

MINUTES. The Minute of Meeting of the Committee of the Ware Potato
Division of 8th February, 1971 was taken as read, approved and signed.

SCOTTISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Mr. Ian P. Fulton reported on the meeting
of the Scottish Advisory Committee of the Potato Marketing Board held
in Edinburgh on 11th March, 1971.

J.C.C. MEETING. Mr. Fulton also reported on the meeting of the Joint
Consultative Committee of the Potato Marketing Board held in London on
31st March, 1971.

P.M.B. GRADING STANDARDS The meeting considered the letter of 16th
April received from the Potato Marketing Board giving details of proposed
changes in Grading Standards for the 1971 crop. The Committee expressed
the opinion that every effort must be made to ensure that the quality of
Ware Potatoes offered for human consumption is as high as possible. They
were perturbed that in a year of surplus it may be possible to arrive at
the situation in which a higher quality of potato is sold for stockfeed
than is sold for table consumption. It was considered that the Regulations
should be altered to introduce an incentive in respect of the sale
of top quality potatoes for human consumption and a disincentive in
respect of the sale of these potatoes for stockfeed. So far as the
Board's proposed new Grading Standards were concerned the Secretary
was instructed to write to the Potato Marketing Board stating that
the minimum riddle should be 1½" for all grades. The Secretary was
instructed to add that "mids" should not in any circumstances be permitted
to be sold as Ware.

AYRSHIRE PRICE ARRANGEMENTS . Mr. Robertson stated that the Secretary
would shortly be receiving a letter from the Scottish Early Potato
Growers/

Growers Association suggesting that arrangements be made for the usual pre-digging meeting to be held in Girvan. It was the general opinion of the meeting that the pre-digging meeting served little useful purpose. Notwithstanding, however, it was resolved that if an invitation to attend the meeting was received it should be accepted. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.

Andrew Bellan