

REPORT of THE SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE
ASSOCIATION to the ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING of the WARE POTATO DIVISION
held in Mount Vernon Hotel, Glasgow,
on THURSDAY, 17th FEBRUARY, 1972 at
7 p.m.

It is reported as follows:-

At the commencement of the year the funds of
the Association amounted to £3248.97

A Record of Income and Expenditure for the
period to 30th November, 1971 has been issued to
members.

It shows receipts of	£2120.95	
from which there is to be deducted payments of	<u>1959.30</u>	
Showing a surplus on the year's working of		<u>161.65</u>
making the total funds at the end of the period amount to		<u>£3410.62</u>

Your Committee have resolved to request the Administrative Council of the
Association to produce a more detailed statement of Capital and Revenue as
between the two Divisions of the Association.

The membership of the Association at the end of the period was:-

Seed Division	74 Full Members
	7 Associate Members
Ware Division	112 Full Members
	15 Associate Members

During the first period of the Association the following Association meetings
have been held:-

Seed Division General Meetings	1
Ware Division General Meetings	1
Administrative Council Meetings	6
Seed Division Committee Meetings	10
Ware Division Committee Meetings	8
Market Reports Committee Meetings	9

In addition representatives of the Association have attended meetings
with numerous other Organisations and Officials concerned with the Potato
Trade.

During the period 46 News Letters have been sent out, of which 17
went to Seed Members, 17 to Ware Members and 12 to Members of both Divisions.

COMMON MARKET

If matters proceed in accordance with the plans of the Government the
United Kingdom will become a full member of the European Common Market on
1st January, 1973. Clearly this will result in a considerable amount of work
for your Committee Members during the current year. This will also necessarily
involve/

involve the Association in increased expenditure. It is to be hoped that entry into the Common Market will result in the benefits to the country as a whole which the Government are forecasting. In particular, however, it is hoped that the fears of some Members of the Potato Trade regarding the possible adverse effect to the Potato Industry in the United Kingdom which entry into the Common Market may cause will prove to be unjustified. Your Association will, however, continue its efforts to achieve the utmost protection to the interests of the Potato Trade in Scotland.