

MINUTE of MEETING of the COMMITTEE
of the WARE POTATO DIVISION of THE
SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE ASSOCIATION
held in Mount Vernon Hotel, Glasgow,
at 4.30 p.m. on THURSDAY, 17th
FEBRUARY, 1972.

PRESENT: Messrs. J. Robertson, A. D. Williamson, A. T. Henderson,
M. K. Mathie, P. MacDougall, G. C. Donald, I. P. Fulton and T. McClung,
along with Mr. R. David Hunter, the Secretary.

APOLOGIES. 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 15th December, 1971 was taken as read, approved and signed.

Arising out of the previous Minute there was discussion regarding the
possible effects of the power crisis on the Division Annual Dinner/Dance to
be held in St. Enoch Hotel, Glasgow, on Friday, 10th March, 1972. It was
left to the Entertainments Committee of the Division to decide whether or
not it would be necessary to cancel the function.

J.C.C. Mr. A. D. Williamson reported on the meeting of the Joint
Consultative Committee of the Potato Marketing Board held in London on the
26th January, 1972. At that meeting the Potato Marketing Board had given
details of the estimated potato stocks in the United Kingdom and of
quantities of potatoes offered and contracted under their Buying Programme.
The Committee then considered a letter from the Potato Marketing Board
which had been previously circulated containing their proposals regarding
the Grading Standards for ware potatoes from the 1972 crop. The Secretary
was instructed to write to the Potato Marketing Board to express the
opinion that Table Grade potatoes destined for retail sale should require
to be contained in new bags and that other ware sales (e.g. to processors,
pre-packers, etc.) should be permitted to be contained in second-hand bags.
The Secretary was instructed to inform the P.M.B. that the Committee's
further observations regarding the proposals would be sent to them later.

POTATO TRADES CONSORTIUM. Mr. A. D. Williamson reported on the meeting of
the Potato Trades Consortium held in London on 26th January, 1972. The
principal matter which had been on the Agenda for that meeting had been to
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give consideration to a possible application for membership of the European Union de Commerce de Gros des Pomme de Terre by the Potato Trades Consortium. In the course of his report, Mr. Williamson stated that it had been agreed that the Secretary of the Potato Trades Consortium would obtain further information regarding the European Union. That information had since been received and Mr. Williamson gave details to the meeting. The Committee considered, however, that still further information would be required before they would be prepared to recommend that the Association should support the application for membership. It was suggested that the following information should be obtained:-

- (a) Details of the composition of the Managing Committee of the Union.
- (b) Details of the "policy" at present being pursued by the Union, and
- (c) A list of the Organisations representing the individual countries of the Common Market on the Union.

It was also suggested that if membership was obtained it should be for a provisional period in order that the value of membership of the Union may be properly assessed.

MARKET REPORTS COMMITTEE. The Secretary reported that he had received a letter from the Office of the Registrar of Restrictive Trading Agreements seeking information regarding the arrangements whereby market information was reported to Association members. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Registrar's Department in reply stating that the Committee were unable to understand how it was possible that a statement of historical information could possibly come within the scope of the Restrictive Trade Practices Act.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL. The Secretary reported on the meeting of the Administrative Council of the Association held in Stirling on 19th January, 1972.

Following the Secretary's report and after considerable discussion the Committee resolved to recommend that the Administrative Council of the Association should make arrangements for the Association's Accounts to be prepared in such a way as to clearly indicate the Capital and Income and/

and Expenditure in each of the two Association Divisions. The Committee also resolved to draw to the attention of the Administrative Council that in broad terms the entire cash balance of £720.80 due to the Treasurer was the liability of the Seed Division and to request that steps be taken to have this indebtedness repaid. For the purpose of the Division Annual General Meeting to follow the Committee Meeting it was agreed to recommend the members of the Ware Division to accept the Accounts already circulated as being a true Record of Income and Expenditure of the Association for the period.

GRAMPIAN TELEVISION. The meeting noted that Mr. A. D. Williamson, the Association President, was to appear on Grampian Television on Monday, 28th February, 1972 in a discussion on the Common Market.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The Secretary was instructed to make arrangements for the next meeting of the Ware Division Committee to be held in the Golden Lion Hotel, Stirling at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, 23rd March, 1972. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.

J. S. O. P. W.