REPORT on a MEETING of the PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE of the SCOTTISH POTATO TRADE ASSOCIATION held in the STATION HOTEL, PERTH at 5.00 p.m. on FRIDAY, 26th NOVEMBER, 1982.

PRESENT:

Messrs. J.G.H. Fenton, B. Fulton, K.A. McKenzie and G. Smillie, with R. David Hunter (Secretary) and D. Blackmore (Assistant) in attendance.

DISCUSSION:

The Committee accepted that without a Press Agent Agent following his death, direct contact with the principal Scottish publications would require to be established by the Association as a first priority. It was also agreed meantime to confine Press Releases following each Council Meeting to non-controversial items and to aim for brevity, a review of these points being undertaken in the light of experience gained.

From Council's discussions earlier to-day the Committee selected four points for inclusion in an immediate Press Release as follows:-

Delay in publication of the 1982 Crop Register.

Implementation of severe frost arrangements for seed.

Invitation received from the Food from Britain campaign.

Opening of a Potato Futures Market in Lille in May, 1983.

Mr. McKenzie undertook to compose a suitably worded announcement incorporating these items. It was agreed this should be released to the Dundee Courier, Glasgow Herald, Scotsman and the Scottish Farmer for publication as soon as possible.

The meeting was thereupon concluded.