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EMERGENCY REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

FINAL REPORT ON THE REGULATIONS CONTAINED IN THE SCHEDULES TO THE
EMERGENCY REGULATIONS CONTINUANCE ACT, 1947, AND TO THE SUPPLY
REGULATIONS ACT, 1947

(REV. CLYDE CARR, CHAIRMAN)

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ORDER OF REFERENCE

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FRIDAY, 16TH JULY, 1948

Ordered, "That the period set down by order of the House dated 27th November, 1947, within which the Emergency Regulations Committee was required to present its report, be extended until 15th September, 1948, to enable the Committee to complete its deliberations and prepare its final report."—(Hon. Mr. MASON.)

REPORT

With regard to the regulations contained in the Schedule to the Supply Regulations Act, 1947, the recommendations of the Committee are as follows :—

- (1) *Building Emergency Regulations 1939 and Amendments*.—It is clear that some form of control must be maintained until the gap between supply and demand has been reduced. The Committee recommends that the necessary powers be taken in legislative form or that the regulations be continued subject to annual review in a revised form.
- (2) *Electricity Emergency Regulations 1939 and Amendments*.—The powers contained in these regulations are wider than the present circumstances require, and should be revoked ; if the Government thinks it necessary to take power to ration electricity at any time, such power should be taken under the appropriate Act.
- (3) *Export Prohibition Emergency Regulations 1939 and Amendment*.—That these regulations be continued subject to annual review by Parliament, and meantime the Hon. Minister of Customs be recommended, for the convenience of exporters, to give instruction for as extensive as possible a range of general exemptions.
- (4) *Factory Emergency Regulations 1939*.—Subject to annual review by Parliament.

- (5) *Foodstuffs Emergency Regulations 1939*.—Should be allowed to lapse.
- (6) *The Mining Emergency Regulations 1939 and Amendment*.—Under existing circumstances the Committee recognizes the need for a measure of control in so far as the allocation of supplies of coal to railways, gasworks, dairy companies, cement-works, freezing-works, and other similar concerns; there does not appear to be any justification for the retention of Regulations 3 and 4, and Regulation 5 should be redrafted simply to provide for the need above mentioned.
- (7) *Oil Fuel Emergency Regulations 1939 and Amendments*.—It would appear that some form of control is required, so long as rationing of oil fuel is necessary. The Committee recommends that the existing regulations and amendments be repealed and provisions for rationing of oil fuel be enacted either by statute or by new regulations, subject in either case to annual review by Parliament.
- (8) *Primary Industry Emergency Regulations 1939 and Amendments*.—Should be allowed to lapse.
- (9) *Rationing Emergency Regulations 1942 and Amendments*.—The only articles now rationed are butter and meat; if the Government proposes to repeal meat rationing, the Committee recommends that the regulations be revoked and provision made for the rationing of butter only either by statute or new regulations, subject in either case to annual review by Parliament.
- (10) *Shipping Supply Emergency Regulations 1942*.—Subject to annual review by Parliament.
- (11) *Sugar Emergency Regulations 1939*.—Subject to annual review by Parliament.
- (12) *Supply Control Emergency Regulations 1939 and Amendments*.—Should be allowed to lapse.
- (13) *Timber Emergency Regulations 1939 and Amendments*.—Should be allowed to lapse, except Regulation 5, which should be subject to annual review by Parliament.
- (14) *Wheat and Flour Emergency Regulations 1939*.—Subject to annual review by Parliament.

Transport Licenses Emergency Regulations 1942, Amendment No. 1.—The Committee recommends that this regulation be continued, subject to annual review by Parliament.

CLYDE CARR, Chairman.

15th September, 1948.

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