

The CHAIRMAN: Very well.

Mr. ROSS (*Souris*): I would like an explanation some time of the durum wheat situation, if possible.

The CHAIRMAN: Very well.

Mr. SENN: Then there is this question of the relationship of this board with the Wartime Prices and Trade Board which is mentioned on page 10 of the first part of the report. I would like to have an explanation as to how the prices were set.

Mr. PERLEY: Mr. Chairman, might I suggest that we take this report which Mr. McIvor went over the other day. I do not know whether all of the points which have just been raised are here or not, but it is quite possible that reference to them is in the preamble of this report, before you come to the financial statement. I would suggest that if we go over this report as we did the other day then we could deal with these matters one by one as they are reached.

The CHAIRMAN: That suggestion is a reasonable one; but Mr. Perley, I thought Mr. McIvor had made a preliminary statement that was quite complete.

Mr. PERLEY: But there was no questioning on it.

The CHAIRMAN: I know that, but I thought it was fairly complete, and I thought that members of the committee would wish to ask questions with respect to those features of it.

Mr. PERLEY: You see, Mr. Senn just asked a question with respect to the relation between the board and the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, and that is mentioned on the first page, and also on page 10 I think. I would suggest that Mr. McIvor answer the question put by Mr. Diefenbaker and then we can take this report in an orderly manner starting with the things which are mentioned first on page 1.

The CHAIRMAN: Could you deal with the question asked by Mr. Diefenbaker, Mr. McIvor?

The WITNESS: I shall be glad to; you mean, with regard to the soldiers' wheat, Mr. Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

The WITNESS: Well, Mr. Diefenbaker, with respect to the soldiers' wheat the government put in certain restrictive measures based on the idea that you mentioned.

Mr. DONNELLY: Would you mind speaking a little louder please?

The WITNESS: Yes, I will try. But a man who had left the farm previous to these dates probably had been able to make arrangements for the farm to go on.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: What is the date, please?

The WITNESS: The date is April 1, 1942; but we have recommended to the government that they take the widest possible view on that question, and I am quite sure that any case that has merit will be given careful consideration.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: In other words, you mean this; while the date at present is April, 1942, men who were called up and who enlisted since that date will be given an opportunity to dispose of their wheat over and above the quota?

The WITNESS: Yes. I should say in fairness to the government also that in the discussion we had with them they wanted the board to take the widest possible view so I think you will find no cases—

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: I think that is most commendable. I had a letter the other day in regard to this particular matter and I communicated with the minister and at that time he indicated that consideration would be given.