

Proceedings on Adjournment Motion

The Calgary complainant decided to employ the independent services of a chemical laboratory to make dead sure of his facts. From the yellow pages of the telephone book he took the name of Chemical and Geological Laboratories Limited and asked them to buy Woodland Dairy fudgsicles wherever they liked, and to give a written report on the fluid ounce measure found. The report disclosed that the average fluid measure, taking all tests and results, amounted to 2.516 fluid ounces.

This is my point, Mr. Speaker. These tests were made two and a half months after the complaint was made to the weights and measures office. As far as I am aware, no final report has yet been given to the man in Calgary who first complained. In fact he has received no information of any kind following the letter from the minister's office on August 28.

The results, Mr. Speaker, are these: First of all, Woodland Dairy fudgsicles continue to be sold at an advertised weight of three fluid ounces when actually they contain only two and a half. There are four other competitors, I might point out, who sell a similar product at the full advertised weight of three ounces per fudgsicle.

In the second place, the public continues to be defrauded by Woodland Dairy Limited.

In the third place, this dairy is piling up profits. It is an affiliate of Palm Dairies Limited, which itself in turn is an affiliate of Burns Foods Limited.

What I want to ask the minister, Mr. Speaker, is why no action has yet been taken which has resulted in the making of a report in this matter. This minister has made good efforts to streamline his department, and I am anxious that he start off on the right foot. I cannot understand for the life of me why after three months no investigation has been made of this small matter—small for an investigation of this kind but a very large matter for the consumers of Calgary and area. It is also a very bad reflection on the credit of a government department which is aiming to protect the consumers of this country. I want to find the reason for the delay in this matter.

Mr. Stanley Haidasz (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, speaking on behalf of the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs in reply to the question raised by the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway I wish to state that the complainant in Calgary was

[Mrs. MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway).]

informed on August 28 that preliminary checks had been made on the fudgsicles sold by this dairy company. While shortages in volume of fluid ounces were found to be smaller than those reported to the department, fudgsicles checked by the displacement method had volume content somewhat below declared value. The complainant was assured that the dairy products division of the Canada Department of Agriculture would work with the dairy company to ensure that all future production would be up to declared quantity.

I was also informed, Mr. Speaker, that in subsequent checks by the dairy products division on production of this company, no shortages were found in fudgsicles, and overmeasure in all novelty lines averaged 7 per cent.

In a letter from the complainant received last week he again reports shortages of approximately one half fluid ounce on fudgsicles purchased from retail stores. I am advised that the dairy products division will again make special checks, in addition to its normal program of control, in order to determine whether the reported shortages are indicative of a current production problem or are limited to a small stock from older production.

AIRPORTS—TORONTO—PROTESTS AGAINST
EXPANSION OF FACILITIES

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, on November 1 I directed a question to the Minister of Transport which is reported as follows on page 2302 of *Hansard*:

In view of the angry and justified protests of the residents of the Mississauga area to the expansion of the airport facilities at Toronto, would the minister reconsider the plans for extension of the airport?

I asked this question because on Wednesday, October 30, 700 persons of Applewood Hills in Mississauga attended a public meeting at Burnhamthorpe school to study the question, or to protest the expansion of facilities at Malton, at the Toronto International Airport. Two hundred people were turned away from that meeting, between members of the homeowners association and members of the Society for Aircraft Noise Abatement. All there protested the expansion of airport facilities.

Toronto International Airport at Malton comes within the jurisdiction of the Minister of Transport, and those at the meeting had two main objections to the expansion of the facilities. The first dealt with the question of noise and the second with the question of