

Mr. CHEVALIER: The association is just about ten years old. It started out in quite a narrow area of liaison with federal agencies; it has literally evolved from there over a number of years to the point where we now have brochures, pamphlets, attendance by representatives at agricultural meetings, and membership in technical committees at the provincial level where agricultural information is developed.

We have co-ordinated relationships in respect of developing policy and implementation of such policy with the Ontario Water Resources Commission; in the last four or five years also with the product committee of the Quebec department of agriculture, spray calendar committees in other provinces, and so on. The association is going through a new phase of expansion and is going to be much more active as an association in the educational field. For example, we will be called upon to provide background information for the dealer training and dealer schools in the province of Manitoba, and in various other provinces. So, more and more the association is getting into this area.

Mr. ENNS (*Portage-Neepawa*): Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I think it would help the committee if, later on, we had a motion that we actually append the list showing the members of this association. I will pass this list around. However, I might read out some of the names on it, if you wish, so that you would have the names of some of the companies which are included: Canadian Hoechst Limited, Cyanamid of Canada Limited, Dow Chemical of Canada Limited, Dupont of Canada Limited, Eli Lilly and Company (Canada) Limited, Imperial Oil Limited, Monsanto Canada Limited, Pennsalt Chemicals of Canada Limited, Shell Canada Limited, Standard Chemical Limited, Union Carbide Canada Limited, and there are many other companies listed.

Mr. CHEVALIER: Would it be helpful if the management functions of the delegates who are here were mentioned to the committee?

Mr. Smith is general manager of Chemagro Limited; Mr. Jackson is market research director of Monsanto Canada Limited; Mr. Miller is senior technologist of Shell Canada Limited; and Mr. Enns is the product manager, biochemicals, of Dupont of Canada Limited.

Mr. RYNARD: In paragraph 3 you say the need for education in safe use at the farmer and the spray operator level is a real one and one in which the industry has been active in co-operation with government for many years. The gentleman went on and said they are trying to show them how to spray, and so on. Can a person now go and buy a spray and have a sprayer used without there being any check on him?

Mr. JOHN ENNS (*Treasurer, Canadian Agricultural Chemicals Association*): Who?

Mr. RYNARD: Can he, as a farmer, buy a spray—whatever it is intended for; it does not matter—and go out and spray without there being any check in respect of whether or not he has the knowledge necessary for its proper use?

Mr. ENNS: Today this is so; yes. Your only guidance for using the product after you buy it is the label.

Mr. RYNARD: Therefore, there is nothing in provincial or municipal regulations which puts a brake on this matter and the prosecutions?

Mr. ENNS (*Portage-Neepawa*): Except when you market your crop.

Mr. RYNARD: Just a minute. I think this is a very weak point. If a man can go and buy it and is liable to prosecution because he uses it wrongly, why should there not be a stop put on it in the first place? A man might be educated before he buys it or have to show that he is capable of using it in the proper manner.