

## EVIDENCE

THURSDAY, February 18, 1965.

The CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Konantz and gentlemen, we have a quorum and we will proceed.

Members of the committee will recall that at the last meeting it was decided that we had heard all the evidence the committee would hear and that we would proceed to the drafting of the report. Subsequent to that, however, as you know, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture at their annual meeting in Regina somewhat changed the policy of the federation on the matter of eastern feed grains. Your steering committee felt it was advisable that before the draft report was finalized for submission to this committee we should hear from the Canadian Federation of Agriculture with respect to this modification or change in policy.

Mr. David Kirk, whom you all know, has been kind enough to appear before the committee this morning. We are very pleased to have Mr. Kirk here. We would like to hear from him on the point of the changes in the federation policy because this will be very significant, I think, in the preparation of our final report.

Mr. Kirk has been good enough to prepare a statement for the committee this morning, and with the leave of the committee I think the best course to adopt would be to ask Mr. Kirk to read the statement, and then we will proceed to ask him questions relevant to the statement. I think we would want to confine the proceedings this morning as much as we can to the federation policy on eastern feed grains.

Before I call on Mr. Kirk, is it the wish of the committee that the statement be included in the committee proceedings of today's hearings?

Agreed.

Mr. DAVID KIRK (*Secretary, Canadian Federation of Agriculture*): Thank you very much Mr. Chairman and members of the committee.

This brief statement is being made supplementary to the submission which was made to the committee on the same subject in December of 1963 in order to report and explain some changes in the Canadian Federation of Agriculture's policy position.

Attached to this statement for reference are, first, the resolution passed by our recent annual meeting of delegates in Regina, concerning the feed grains question; secondly, an excerpt from our December 1963 submission to this committee in which the essentials of our feed grain agency proposal were set out.

There is only one essential difference between the two policy positions. This is, that we are now recommending that the proposed agency have the power to buy, sell and store feed grains, and in connection with the storage aspect, it is recommended specifically that the agency accept a responsibility, as may be required, to place feed grains in storage to ensure their availability in sufficient quantities and at appropriate locations.

It will be recalled that one of the essential functions of our agency proposal has always been that it should "study and advise on all aspects of feed grain policy". It was always therefore in the realm of possibility that with experience the agency might have concluded that marketing powers were needed, and have recommended amendment of the legislation to provide them.