

Mr. MACDIARMID: Has your department anything to say about who gets the roofing? Suppose a man gets burned out, has he a chance to get a roof?

The WITNESS: That is handled by the Controller of Construction.

Mr. MACDIARMID: If this man can get the permit he can get the roofing. He knows a retailer who has the roofing in stock. Has that anything to do with it? He has not got to go to the manufacturer; there are some people who have roofing in stock and they are retailers, and he can get it if he gets the permit.

The WITNESS: I cannot answer that. I cannot give you the details of the controller's order. I can simply give you the number.

Mr. MACDIARMID: They tell me that they can get the roofing from the dealer if they can get a permit.

The CHAIRMAN: Dr. MacDiarmid, that matter comes under the Controller of Construction rather than the Administrator for Farm Machinery.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Mr. Armstrong, what about the matter of iron pump repairs and things of that character which are very often required on very short notice?—A. An arrangement was worked out with respect to securing replacements of that kind, where a man had a pump frozen and needed a replacement for a pump that was unrepairable, whereby he could appeal to the local rationing officer by wire or by telephone or in any other rapid way and later submit his application for a pump.

Q. I am pointing this out to you, Mr. Armstrong, in the record and I am doing so because I think it should be brought to the attention of the farm machinery administrator. Many of us know the condition where an accident or something of that kind might happen to a stock pump out in the country where the man is some distance even from a town and he has no water for his stock even for that day, which he must have. Now, if he has got to take time to have someone send to Regina or Calgary or Winnipeg to the rationing office to get permission to purchase the repairs for a pump, it seems to me to be going around a little too far?—A. Pardon me, repairs are not rationed; you do not require a permit to purchase repairs.

Q. In the case of a pump?—A. In the case of a new iron pump a permit is required.

Q. You might have a pump that would break down so that it could not be repaired some morning when you got up.—A. Arrangements have been made whereby you can telephone or telegraph the local rationing office and procure a permit, subject to completing the necessary application form.

Mr. RICKARD: What is the address of the rationing officer in Toronto and what is his name?

The CHAIRMAN: His name has already been put on the record.

The WITNESS: R. M. Knox, 408 Northern Ontario Building, 330 Bay street, Toronto.

Mr. FAIR: Have you got the address of the construction controller here in Ottawa?

The WITNESS: Department of Munitions and Supply, building No. 3.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions?

Now, gentlemen, Dr. Swaine was expected here this afternoon but I find that we got our wires crossed somewhat and he is out of town, so we will have to make provision for hearing Dr. Swaine at another meeting. I think, perhaps, he will be back in the morning—I cannot say definitely—but probably you would like to leave it to me to arrange for Dr. Swaine's appearance, if that will meet the situation. Dr. Swaine is the Director of Science Services of the Department of Agriculture.