

Mr. McIVOR: In all there were about three-quarters of a million bushels.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Which was sold?

Mr. McIVOR: Yes.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: What was the amount that was negotiated for?

Mr. McIVOR: The original amount contemplated was about 2,000,000 bushels.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Not 12,000,000?

Mr. McIVOR: No; 2,000,000.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: What was the hold-up?

Mr. McIVOR: I presume it was the Inter-State Commerce Commission or the Office of Transportation which passed an order that prohibited the movements of grain across the country from one country to another country. They felt that the movement of this grain would use up railway cars which should be used more efficiently in other respects, and that limited the quantity they could move.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: But for that order would you have a fairly good field there for export?

Mr. McIVOR: Well, all I could say is that we could at least have worked the 2,000,000 bushels.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Did you make any representations to the United States government with regard to the order, or to the Inter-State Commerce Commission?

Mr. McIVOR: No.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: There were no representations made asking for the revocation of that order?

Mr. McIVOR: I did not make any.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: As far as the board is concerned?

Mr. McIVOR: Yes.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: And was the transaction with the Mexican interests made with the board directly?

Mr. McIVOR: Yes.

*By Mr. Evans:*

Q. With regard to that 3,866,000 odd bushels, was part of that sold back to the producers for feed, or was the feed wheat included in that?—A. Part of it, undoubtedly, was sold for feed and part of it for seed.

*By Mr. Wright:*

Q. It was sold for feed or seed to the producers; what was the price charged? How much was the price over the market price? Was that the same price charged to the mills when they bought from the country elevators? Did they pay the same price as the producers?—A. Yes, generally speaking, they did; 1½ cents in the case of the mills.

*By Mr. Perley:*

Q. On page 11 under the heading "Sales to the United Kingdom" concerning 120,000,000 bushels—the minister brought that matter up in the house—could you tell us what other large sales were made during that year? The board evidently only sold 55,000,000, so that in the case of a great deal of that 120,000,000 bushels another sale would have to be made by exporters and that did not go through the board's hands at all, did it?—A. Well, there were two sales in that particular year. If you will hold your question for a moment until we get to the next statement I think you may get part of your answer there.