

Mr. ROBINSON: If a processor, even a shaky one, were shaken out through some more strict enforcement of regulations, I think we would find whenever this did happen that all the growers in that region would be affected. I think we have to realize this. I think also, gentlemen, that it is just one of the things to which serious consideration should be given when Bill C-5 is being considered. Is it going to result in that processor's growing more of his own product? This might be something which you would want to look at carefully.

I still feel there is a better way to solve these problems.

Mr. KLEIN: May I take it that approximately one-third or very nearly one-third—between 25 per cent and 33 $\frac{1}{3}$  per cent is contributed by the primary producer to the end product?

Mr. ROBINSON: The value of the product, yes; that would be contributed. You mean if it was never paid for?

Mr. KLEIN: Your argument right through your evidence seemed to amount to two things. First, the terror or fear that this legislation is going to open the door to destroy section 88.

Mr. ROBINSON: Yes.

Mr. KLEIN: And, secondly, that it will affect credit and do more harm than good.

Mr. ROBINSON: This is what we think.

Mr. KLEIN: Do you not think, if we were to give protection to the primary producer in this case, that the bank and the processor would adjust to it because the processor would then be a more solid businessman and would be obliged to put more of his own money into the project if this money was given to the primary producer?

Mr. ROBINSON: It could be so.

Mr. KLEIN: You do not think so?

Mr. ROBINSON: It could be.

Mr. KLEIN: Do you not think the processor would be obliged to put more capital, more of his own money into the business rather than continue to toil along on the sweat of the farmer?

Mr. ROBINSON: I do not know whether it would or not.

Mr. KLEIN: You know the workmen and the salesmen have protection against section 88, which did not destroy section 88 at the time that was involved.

Mr. ROBINSON: Yes.

Mr. KLEIN: When you speak about the farmer not being wet behind the ears, would you not say that even in the best of business circles with the best of information, the best of legal opinion, firms do get caught in bankruptcy.

Mr. ROBINSON: Yes, very definitely.

Mr. CÔTÉ (*Chicoutimi*) (*Interpretation*): Do you not feel that the primary producer has priority rights in the case of bankruptcy of a processor because, after all, he is the one who serves humanity best, through the middleman, because he provides consumer goods that are necessary to life. Do you feel the primary producer has priority rights because he is the one who benefits humanity most by providing the consumer goods necessary to life?

Mr. ROBINSON: To a certain extent, yes.

Mr. CÔTÉ (*Chicoutimi*) (*Interpretation*): Do you know that credit advanced to the consumer and to the processor is merely script money and that the banks do not take any risks because they lend their customers' money as was explained?