

The metal is available but the permit is not. What would be the proper action to take in order to secure that roofing? His barn, as I understand it, is leaking badly. He has a herd of dairy cows in the barn and the situation is not very healthy.—A. Did I understand you to say that the metal is available?

Q. Yes.—A. Order No. 12 of the Controller of Construction limits the use of galvanized iron for farm buildings to the repair of buildings with an existing metal roof, and I believe the quantity permitted shall not exceed 20 per cent.

Mr. SOPER: He can buy up to 5 square.

The WITNESS: I think the figure is 20 per cent of the total roof.

*By Mr. Rickard:*

Q. Would that be limited to metal roof replacements, the replacement of a metal roof or replacement of any roof?—A. The repair of an existing metal roof. That applies to an existing roof. I have had experience in that regard with my barn and my shed. I have a shed about 50 feet long which has a shingled roof, and we have ordered a steel roof and the agent said we could get the steel roof if it was for a repair job but not for a new building. If I got that what position would I be in?

Mr. FAIR: Take the position that this man is in. He has an old barn and the present shingles are deteriorating and he wants to put a metal roof on instead of a shingled roof.

The CHAIRMAN: Apparently that comes under the Construction Controller's branch and he would apply there for his permit to do this.

The WITNESS: The order restricting this is order No. 12 of the Controller of Construction.

Mr. RICKARD: As I understand it, if a company who sells this material have it in stock you can get a permit, as long as the company is within its quota. Say they sell so much every three months and then they wait until their new quota comes on.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Mr. Armstrong, have you given any consideration to the question of binder twine requirements?—A. Yes, we have been in consultation with the officials of the Controller of Supplies' office with respect to binder twine supplies.

Q. Can you give us any advice with respect to what the situation is likely to be this summer with respect to binder twine and if steps have been taken to see that an adequate supply is made available?—A. I do not know, Mr. Chairman, whether the figures are public information or not.

Q. The matter has been taken up and looked into, has it?—A. The matter has been taken up and looked into, and an adequate supply for a normal crop is, I understand, assured.

Mr. FAIR: Mr. Chairman, I have been wondering whether the twine which is at present being manufactured—the 500-foot twine will run uniform in strength and weight as our old 550- and 600-foot twine used to run, or whether it will be that knotty stuff. If that is the quality they are putting out of the 500-foot stuff now I think people can look forward to endless trouble with knots. I wonder what the quality of uniformity of that twine will be?

The WITNESS: I am sorry, I cannot answer that.

Mr. RENNIE: Does the question of township road machinery come under your jurisdiction?

The WITNESS: Road machinery is under the Administrator for Farm Equipment.

The CHAIRMAN: The same branch as agricultural equipment.