

Mr. ARGUE: I have never seen such a high-handed action in committee before.

Mr. HORNER (*Acadia*): I asked my question before you asked yours.

Mr. ARGUE: Others have asked questions, and I have asked you three times for an answer. All you have done is to move from my question to somebody else's—

Mr. HORNER (*Acadia*): I asked mine before you asked yours.

Mr. ARGUE: —and I suggest that is the wrong way to operate a committee, and it is an impertinence.

The CHAIRMAN: I suggest we come to the discussion of the feed mill question which has been referred to this committee.

Mr. FORBES: May I ask a question on that line?

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Horner has the floor.

Mr. HORNER (*Acadia*): Do the feed mills buy their grain on the quota system now, or any place they can purchase it? What is the present arrangement, or is there any?

Mr. McNAMARA: In answer to Mr. Horner's question, there are a number of feed mills in western Canada as was indicated by the information we made available earlier. I think the majority of them are accepting their grain from the producer under the quota system. We know some of them are not, and those are the ones which we are checking at the present time.

Mr. HORNER (*Acadia*): What is the situation where a feed mill is located at a non-delivery point? I imagine there are some cases where feed mills are situated off the railroad tracks at non-delivery points. Does the wheat board make special provisions for them?

Mr. McNAMARA: No; but we can authorize a producer delivering at one point to deliver at a point other than described in his regular permit.

Mr. HORNER (*Acadia*): Does the wheat board take that into consideration when setting the quotas and demand for grain by the feed mills?

Mr. McNAMARA: In setting our quotas we raise the quota, depending on the deliveries under the quota at the regular point. Information is available to us as to the amount of grain delivered, and the grain delivered to a feed mill is taken into consideration.

Mr. HORNER (*Acadia*): Do the feed mills make a report stating how much they have taken in and how much they have in storage?

Mr. McNAMARA: No. There are a number of feed mills which elect to be agents of the board and they give a complete accounting of their records.

Mr. HORNER (*Acadia*): They more or less buy within themselves.

Mr. McNAMARA: Yes. They buy, issue producers certificates and report to us. There is, however, another group which do not buy for board account; but they are, under our act, under the quota if they have been described as a work for the general advantage of Canada. We are not interested in the price at which they buy, but we are interested that they only accept from producers in accordance with the quota.

Mr. HORNER (*Acadia*): Some of the feed mills would receive storage charges on some of the grain they have sold.

Mr. McNAMARA: Yes, on grain bought for board account.

Mr. HORNER (*Acadia*): Would anyone purchasing at a non-delivery point avoid the elevator handling charges on the grain they purchase?

Mr. McNAMARA: That is outside the jurisdiction of the wheat board. That would be handled by the board of grain commissioners, and Mr. Milner will deal with that. In respect of feed mills which are not agents of the board,