

Mr. McNEVIN: Held in abeyance.

Mr. GOLDING: What is the use of this motion at all?

The CHAIRMAN: Well, it is a direction to the committee when they draft their report, if it carries here, to include a recommendation of that kind in it.

Mr. ROSS (*Souris*): Sure.

Mr. GOLDING: But you already have this proposal in effect, according to Mr. McIvor.

Mr. DOUGLAS (*Weyburn*): For last year's crop.

The CHAIRMAN: For last year's crop.

Mr. GOLDING: What I mean is that you do not need to tell the government now what policy to adopt. They have already adopted that policy.

Mr. DOUGLAS (*Weyburn*): No; that is for last year's crop. This is a recommendation that it be continued to next year's crop.

Mr. GOLDING: Do you think they will abandon that?

The CHAIRMAN: What is the pleasure of the committee? I will ask the clerk to read the motion again, so that you will know exactly what is before the committee.

The clerk reads motion as follows:—

Moved by Mr. Fair, seconded by Mr. Ross of *Souris*, that the committee recommend in its report to the house that the same policy in effect in connection with the marketing of the surplus of the 1942 wheat crop of soldiers in the armed forces be effective for the 1943-44 crop year.

*By Mr. Diefenbaker:*

Q. There is one question I should like to ask possibly from Mr. McIvor. That policy is now in effect; but up to the 20th of May it was not in effect. When was it brought in? What was the date of it? The minister has mentioned it covered altogether only 700 cases, a total of 485,000 bushels, and only 51,000 bushels are now under consideration. Up to the 20th of May that policy was not in effect for the soldiers who enlisted prior to April 1, 1942, who had crops and were unable to sell over the quota. The question I want to ask is when was that change made? What was the date? I have any amount of correspondence up to that date about it.—A. Well, it was just within recent days, Mr. Diefenbaker.

Q. Within the last few days?—A. Within the last ten days.

Q. You say it was within the last ten days?—A. Yes.

*By Mr. Perley:*

Q. You received 485,000 bushels adjustment in that time?—A. There were 700 applications received; there were 501 authorized, with a bushelage of 485,000 bushels. There are 50 being held in abeyance with regard to the question of date. Those are being proceeded with now.

Q. May I ask what time last fall did you have this matter first brought to your attention? I may say I had applications from quite a number; at least, the question was brought up by quite a number early last fall, just soon after harvesting took place. What time was it first brought to your attention, Mr. McIvor?—A. The statement on over-deliveries was put out on the 7th of April, 1943. Here is a copy of it. I would be glad to file it with the committee.

Q. That is the statement. But what time did you have applications or any requests from men in that position to have their extra quota taken?—A. Mr. Davidson, who I might say has been handling this in the office, tells me there were very few up until February.