

The CHAIRMAN: I am sure Mr. Gordon will be glad to hear these remarks.

*By Mr. Leclerc:*

Q. Are the rations the same in all the provinces?—A. Yes; the quotas available are for Canada as a whole except this, in 1943 the country was divided into western Canada and eastern Canada and B.C., in order to arrive at the quotas, because the type of machinery involved differs quite considerably on many items, but apart from that break-down of the west, and the east and B.C. within these areas the quotas are uniform.

*By Mr. Cardiff:*

Q. Do milking machines and the quotas come under your control?—A. No, under the control of the administrator, I am simply the representative of the Department of Agriculture.

Q. I understand that the quota of milking machines is limited to the number sold in 1941, that was for 1942. The Minister of Agriculture the other day told us it had been stepped up some. Can you tell us how much it has been stepped up in 1943?—A. Yes, milking machines; the quota for milking machines is 200 per cent of 1940.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Of 1940?—A. Of 1940.

*By Mr. Cardiff:*

Q. What was it last year; is that this year?—A. That is for 1943. You want it for 1942?

Q. What was it in 1942?—A. The same.

Q. Mr. Gardiner said it had been increased.

*By Mr. Lafontaine:*

Q. Have you 1941?

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Have you got the quota figures there for 1941?—A. The equipment was not under quota at that time. The opening period for restriction order R-1 was November 1, 1941.

*By Mr. Cardiff:*

Q. This probably is not the place to discuss it, but I feel certain the department was well advised when it stepped up the quota on milking machines in 1943 because before this year is out I am afraid the quota on cheese will go down considerably due to the fact that rather a lot of farmers cannot get help and will be forced either to buy milking machines or go out of business. A lot of them are going out of herds entirely because they cannot carry on.—A. Wherever it has been found possible to procure additional material the manufacturer is at liberty to appeal to the administrator for an increase in quota, if he is able to find material, and I believe the milking machines are a case in point where recent appeals have been made since that quota was established.

*By Mr. Fair:*

Q. I wonder if Mr. Armstrong can tell us the situation with regard to metal roofing. I was talking to a farmer recently, not very far from the city here, and he told me he had a shingle roof on his barn at the present time which is leaking badly. He is prepared to put a metal roof on provided he can get the permit.