

indication that they are not unreceptive—and they have not been unreceptive in the past—to licensing what you might call interior country terminals where there are no rail lines. Certainly we are prepared to move as quickly as the north moves.

Mr. SELLERS: As we are, in a way, associated, could I answer this for Mr. Leach? We are the proud possessors of the farthest north grain elevator in the world, I think, at High Level. Farmers were forced to haul almost 100 miles from there over to Manning, Alberta. They were complaining because trucking costs were too high. As soon as we built that elevator, naturally the Alberta pool came in and built beside us. Nobody can build north of there because of muskeg, so we will remain no matter what competitor comes in. That location is north of Churchill, believe it or not, gentlemen. We have an elevator north of Churchill at High Level, Alberta. We built that elevator to avoid a hundred-mile haul due to a lot of persuasion. This has something to do with how we consolidate a number of elevators.

Mr. CADIEU (*Meadow Lake*): These people are hopeful of getting a rail line. There are going to be so many lines abandoned farther south that we hope there will be no shortage of steel and we might get this much needed line finished. I think I have possibly one of the only elevators operating in the north where there is no rail line, at Makwa, Saskatchewan. We have quite an area in there where people are hopeful of getting this rail line for which they have waited so many years. I was just wondering if the North-West Line Elevator company were still prepared—not to listen to some of these witnesses who have not had to haul their grain for 5200 miles—to go in and continue the good work you have been doing.

Mr. SELLERS: We had better get on the railways then.

Mr. LEACH: That is right, I think we gave you the message, Mr. Cadieu.

The CHAIRMAN: If there are no more questions, on behalf of the Committee I would like to thank Mr. Leach and the other members of his group for their presentation, and the open and free way they answered Committee members questions.

Mr. LEACH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, the next witness is Mr. Gil Molgat, the leader of the Liberal Party of Manitoba. I will ask Mr. Molgat to introduce his officials and then go on to the presentation of his brief.

Mr. Gil MOLGAT (*M.L.A. Leader, Liberal Party of Manitoba*): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to introduce Mr. Rod Clement, M.L.A. from Birtle-Russell constituency and a member of our agricultural committee for the party, and Mr. Ralph Rasmussen who is the chairman of the agricultural committee of the Liberal Party of Manitoba.

Mr. Chairman, I am aware your Committee has had a long week with some long days in it and it is not my intention to read the brief I have page by page. I think all of you have copies of it and I will cover it as best I can by paraphrasing and if you have questions, then I will be very happy to do my best to answer them.