

to actually do business in a different way, thereby solving the situation? In other words, if we have a board set up that has power in respect of credit and can make farm purchases, make arrangements for space and get grain into this space are we really going to solve the problem?

Mr. WALSH: First of all, sir, I want to say that I do not feel that my views differ from the views of the confederation. I do not think I misunderstand their views, but they have asked for an agency that would consist of one man with two assistants with full powers.

Mr. OLSON: That agency would not have power to buy grain, is that right?

Mr. WALSH: That board would have the powers to direct elevator space, assist in location of storage space, work out the best policy possible in respect of freight assistance and such other things that will facilitate the trade, except buying and selling. That agency may have some rules and regulations in that regard as well. The advisory committee would be a committee appointed by the government consisting of farmer, livestock, feeders and grain representatives in the east and B.C.

Mr. OLSON: Thank you very much Mr. Walsh. That statement somewhat changes my understanding of your concept. I did not understand you to say that you wanted this board to have powers of direction so that it could in fact order a certain space to be made available. If that is the concept you have that is somewhat different from my understanding.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you Mr. Walsh. I wonder whether you would like to give the committee the name of your man who gave you the information in respect of the price increase in the event the committee at a later stage would like to hear his evidence?

Mr. WALSH: The man's name is Albert McTavish. I see he is an Irishman. He is a grain buyer for the Maritime Co-operative Services at Moncton.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you, that is now on the record and the committee may want to call Mr. McTavish, or ask him to appear at a later date.

Mr. RICARD: Dr. Walsh, you mentioned earlier in your statement that you were a member of a body which was studying this matter, and you have met on a good number of occasions. You mentioned that there were three members from the province of Quebec. Who would those three representatives be, can you tell me?

Mr. WALSH: The members have changed slightly from time to time. They have not always been the same individuals. I understand they are Mr. Sorrel of the U.C.C. He has been a member a number of times. Another member is Mr. Paul Blouin. He is a feed man for co-operative aid, and there was a gentleman by the name of Pigeon. He is a farmer in the province of Quebec.

Mr. RICARD: Is Mr. Pigeon from Vercheres?

Mr. WALSH: That is correct. I could look up the names probably if you wish.

Mr. RICARD: That is all I wanted to know, thank you.

Mr. VINCENT: Are you aware that last year in September a committee was formed by the Minister of Agriculture known as the eastern feed grain committee or in French, le comité des graines de provendes de l'est?

Mr. WALSH: No. There were a lot of committees formed that fall. I know the Minister of Agriculture did form a committee, but the one I have in mind was a committee formed within the scope of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

Mr. VINCENT: If such a committee was in operation do you think this might be the answer to your suggestion and the suggestion in the brief of the F.C.A. and the U.C.C. in respect of an advisory committee?