

If this trend develops, I am afraid that the board possibly is going to have to revise the quota system. I have no suggestion as to how it could be made more effective, but I am concerned about the situation which appears to be developing in western Canada, where they seem to be starting now to get over the quota deliveries.

Mr. ARGUE: Is there anything the provinces can do? There was some discussion about provincial jurisdiction.

Mr. McNAMARA: I think if the provinces enforced the legislation which they have enacted, it would ease our problem with respect to quotas.

Mr. ARGUE: Have you approached any of them in this respect?

Mr. McNAMARA: No, we referred to them incidents which have been brought to our attention, where it would appear from our reports that their regulations are not being lived up to. But to my knowledge none of the provincial governments has taken any action in regard to these cases. In other words, they have not endeavoured to enforce their legislation in any way.

Mr. ARGUE: Have you ever considered visiting the three provincial governments and sitting down with their representatives to discuss this question?

Mr. McNAMARA: We have discussed it in the board. The general view of the board is that probably it is not our field to be making representations to provincial governments on what their policies ought to be, or what steps they ought to take to enforce their own legislation. We bring violations to their attention, but we doubt if it is within our scope of responsibility to suggest the action they should take in regard to their own legislation.

Mr. McINTOSH: I shall save my questions until the board appears before us next week.

Mr. RAPP: From what Mr. McNamara has just said, we gather that the board would like to see their hands strengthened instead of having some of these regulations relaxed here. Is that not right? Or would you prefer to see it go the other way, and not infringe on your powers to implement the Act as it is now?

Mr. McNAMARA: Let me put it this way: I believe as a strong supporter of this type of marketing that the quota system is very necessary in order for us to control the intake of grain and to see that the grain required is in the right position at the right time. I think that delivery quotas are an essential part of this type of marketing. Therefore I would like to have the cooperation of the producers under the quota system, and have it fully lived up to, because I believe it would certainly facilitate our operation. But whether or not we need further power from parliament, I am not prepared to say.

Mr. RAPP: You would not want to have any of your powers relaxed?

Mr. McNAMARA: No.

Mr. PASCOE: Following up the question of provincial legislation further: you have told the committee that from the way the quotas are going in the west, you thought that the provincial governments should do more now. I am not quite clear on what regulations they have. How could they enforce quotas better?

Mr. McNAMARA: Perhaps Mr. Monk might deal with your question.

Mr. MONK: Provincial statutes were passed requiring persons to sell to the board. But there are certain exceptions. One of them is feeders; they may sell to feeders. We know, and we have had examples here, of sales to implement dealers, and to various other companies that have received it.

As far as the actual enforcement of quotas is concerned, that is a matter for the dominion government and for ourselves, and we are taking steps to enforce them. We have enforced them against the elevators, and we are taking steps now to enforce them against the feed mills.