

The CHAIRMAN: I allowed Mr. McIntosh a little leeway there, because I thought he was building up to a question on feed mills and getting a little more equity in the purchasing of wheat; but apparently that was not so.

Mr. McINTOSH: They were brought into this discussion and that is why I brought it up.

Mr. ARGUE: Mr. Chairman, I have asked a question and I would like an answer.

Mr. JORGENSON: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, the operations of the Canadian wheat board will be brought before this committee at a later date, and we shall have an ample opportunity then to discuss these matters. At the present time we are dealing with this other matter, and at present I would urge you to keep this discussion to that subject.

The CHAIRMAN: I would hope, Mr. McNamara, the members of this committee will stay within the realm of that.

Mr. ARGUE: Am I entitled to an answer to my question, Mr. Chairman? I think it is only right, when this charge has been made about the wheat board, that the wheat board should have an opportunity to reply as to whether or not this inequity will remain, or as to whether or not this inequity, in total, or most of it, will be removed by the end of the crop year. I would like to relate this statement, on the point of order, to the procedure before this committee. If the inference in Mr. McIntosh's question is correct, that the 2 bushels will remain and the 6 bushels will remain, then the wheat board chairman's statement, that the main policy is based on equal delivery opportunity, falls to the ground.

I think the chairman of the wheat board should have an opportunity to answer this, as to whether or not more equity can be brought into the wheat delivery system by the end of the crop year.

Mr. KORCHINSKI: Will the operation of the wheat board come before this committee at a future date, Mr. Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, that is the intention.

Mr. KORCHINSKI: Can not that question be dealt with then?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes. Let us get on with feed mills.

Mr. ARGUE: Mr. Chairman, I am suggesting this question, as I have now phrased it, is entirely in order, because if we are going to go forward on the assumption that an equitable quota system is justified and is essential, then the wheat board should be able to make a reply as to whether they can bring some equity into this present situation. I suggest that affects this whole enquiry.

If there is no inequity there is nothing to be lost, perhaps, by throwing these things to the wolves. But if there is, can the wheat board bring some equity into this by the end of the crop year? That is the question. Chisellers who want to lower the price will have their opportunity—

An Hon. MEMBER: I want to ask the member from Assiniboia if the Saskatchewan election has anything to do with this.

Mr. ARGUE: Absolutely nothing. I have been here for 15 years advocating orderly marketing, and I will not stay here silent and see a bunch of anti-wheat board people tear down the good work done over the last 15 years.

The CHAIRMAN: Let us not bring politics into this meeting, or elections, or what-have-you.

Mr. ARGUE: I have asked a simple question, and I ask for an answer.

The CHAIRMAN: I must say we must lead our discussion along the line of the inquiry into the feed mill question.

Mr. HORNER (*Acadia*): I asked a question some time ago, how they buy grain now and what are the regulations of the wheat board.