

Canadian Livestock Feed Board

barley and other grains grown in the area. That grain is always purchased from the local farmers and does not pass through the hands of the Wheat Board or anyone else. Is there anything in this bill which will interrupt that relationship between the feeder and the grain grower?

Mr. Sauv : No.

Mr. Kindt: There are a number of people in British Columbia, for example, in the Okanagan valley, who are and will be feeding cattle. I should like to ask if they will be able to haul their cattle into Alberta and sell them. Some farmers haul their cattle into Alberta and sell them. Some buy feed from other farmers and feed the cattle in British Columbia. Are they going to be denied that privilege? Is it the purpose of this bill to put them all out of business, or what is the intention of the minister?

● (5:20 p.m.)

Mr. Sauv : No, Mr. Chairman, it is not the purpose of this bill to put them out of business.

Mr. Kindt: Will this system be interfered with? Will they be able to operate as they have and buy their feed in Alberta?

Mr. Sauv : That is what they do now.

Mr. Kindt: In other words, there will be a continuation of the practice followed at the present time?

Mr. Sauv : Yes.

Mr. Danforth: Once again, Mr. Chairman, I should like to bring to the attention of the minister that clause 16 refers to section 8 and the fact that expenses incurred under section 8 will be alleviated by this particular clause. I would ask the minister whether over the week end he had an opportunity to pursue the difference in interpretation between himself and myself in this regard. Does the minister agree in particular with my interpretation in respect of clause 8?

Mr. Sauv : Mr. Chairman, I found that we were both right. I will read a note which I have received in this regard. The intent of this bill as drafted is for the board to achieve its objectives by co-ordination of the various interests presently involved and perfecting the existing devices at its disposal before embarking on the involved marketing operations provided for in clause 8. If these methods fail to achieve the objectives of the bill

clause 8 can be resorted to, but it is intended that its objectives could then be attained by the marketing of feed grains originating in the prairies. This bill does not limit the board to the purchase of grain originating in the designated area but it is not intended it would have to resort to the purchase and sale of local feed grains, because its objectives in this area could be accomplished by the use of the powers granted in 6 (a), and I would see no objection to leaving the board with the ability to resort to this broader interpretation if it means the accomplishment of its objectives. So we were both right, and I am quite satisfied with this interpretation.

Mr. Muir (Lisgar): Mr. Chairman, would the minister now clarify from whom the board will be receiving its import licences?

Mr. Sauv : The Canadian Wheat Board.

Mr. Jorgenson: Mr. Chairman, I should like to ask the minister a question on this clause. Clause 16 (1) (a) refers to payments related to the cost of feed grain transportation or the cost of feed grain storage made under paragraph (a) of section 6. We are to assume then that the costs of the feed grain subsidy program will be borne under this program?

Mr. Sauv : That is right.

Mr. Jorgenson: In other legislation that is receiving the attention of members of the house at the present time the suggestion is made—I do not want to presume what the final legislation will be—that the intention of the legislation is to do away with all freight subsidies, that the railways in effect will be deriving their revenue solely from the competitive forces existing within the transportation industry. Are we to conclude that by virtue of this legislation this will be the one exception to the proposed legislation dealing with transportation?

Mr. Sauv : This is not a subsidy to the railways; it is a subsidy to the feeders. In the other bill it is a subsidy to the railways, if I interpret that bill correctly.

Mr. Jorgenson: I did not quite hear the minister. I wonder whether he would mind repeating what he said.

Mr. Sauv : Under this legislation it is a subsidy to the feeders, to the farmers; it is not a subsidy to the railways. Under the legislation on transportation it is a subsidy to the railways and not to the users.