

Mr. PERLEY: I think if you call some of the members they will give you that evidence.

The WITNESS: They have not told me that.

Mr. MATTHEWS: How many members are there on the advisory committee?

The WITNESS: Eleven.

Mr. WRIGHT: On whose recommendation were they appointed?

The WITNESS: The government appointed them.

*By Mr. Wright:*

Q. They were not appointed by the producers themselves?—A. I do not know on whose recommendation they were appointed; the appointments were made by the government. The majority of the members of the committee are representatives of the producers.

Q. If they were appointed by the producers the producers would of necessity have the right to know what their recommendations were; but if they were appointed by the government why, then, the producers might not have the right to demand to know what their recommendations were—there is a difference? —A. I do not see how they could be appointed by the producers, Mr. Wright. They must of necessity be appointed by the government under the Act—under the Canadian Wheat Board Act.

*By Mr. Perley:*

Q. The producers could make a recommendation that they be represented on the board?—A. I believe they did. For example, there is Mr. Wesson, president of the Saskatchewan Pool Elevators, Mr. Brown of the United Grain Growers, Mr. Hutchinson, the former president of the Alberta Pool Elevators, who is the chairman, and there is also Mr. McCowan who, I understand, is a farmer.

Q. I know him very well. He is a good farmer—I will say that for him.—A. Then there is a Mr. Farnalls of the Alberta Association of Municipalities.

Mr. Ross (Souris): He is president of the prairie municipalities body.

The WITNESS: From Ontario there is Mr. Pettapiece from Auld, Ontario. Some of you may know him.

*By Mr. Evans:*

Q. I suppose the producers' organization recommend some of the members of the advisory committee and technically the government makes the appointments, is that right?—A. As I recall the matter, when the Canadian Wheat Board Act was changed the advisory committee was set up composed of eleven members, of whom six were to represent the producers, and the appointments were made, presumably, on the status of the men who were available for the committee.

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): Mr. McIvor cannot answer that question. All he can say is that these men are producers, but he cannot say whether they represent the producers or whether they were recommended by the producers. Only the minister can answer that question. Mr. McIvor is chairman of the board, and the appointment of this committee is the responsibility of the government.

Mr. EVANS: The minister made that announcement in the house.

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): Why ask the chairman that question?

*By Mr. Senn:*

Q. Mr. McIvor, do you consider that the members of the advisory committee are in duty bound to secrecy about their recommendations and their deliberations?—A. Mr. Senn, I do not feel I am competent to answer that question. The