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bread on the 23rd day of July, 1940, and no part of the processing levy referred to in section (1) hereof shall be added to the said maximum price.

3. Until further notice, no change shall be made in the terms and conditions of sale effective on the 23rd day of July, 1940, which would result in an increase in the price of bread or wheat flour.

4. This Order shall be effective on and after the 7th day of August, 1940.

H. B. MacKinnon,  
Chairman.

Mr. GREEN: In how many places were the prices raised?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): To the best of my knowledge in only one place, namely Vancouver.

Mr. CHURCH: When I first entered the house in 1922 I proposed a national coal policy for this country. Under that policy all the coal we would use would be mined in Canada—in the maritimes or in Alberta—or in Wales, or some other place under the British flag. In these times, with another war on, we are faced with the same problem of conservation, but we receive the same old stereotyped replies from the deputies in the department. Surely the government should wake up to the fact that something should be done for the coal, and iron and steel industries. The iron and steel industries should be permitted to use more Canadian coal. Although the minister does not agree with this, in my opinion there is a possibility of a coal famine, such as we had in 1917. In those days there was a serious shortage of fuel in Ontario and other provinces, and as a result fuel had to be rationed. I hope the government will consider this matter, and see if it is not possible to have a real, progressive national fuel policy.

Mr. PURDY: The hon. member spoke of the ruling of the war-time prices and trade board with regard to flour. Do the minister's remarks also apply to mill feeds?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): There is no processing tax on mill feeds.

Mr. PURDY: What is there to prevent the placing of the processing tax on mill feeds, thereby adding to the costs of our dairy farmers, who are already heavily hit?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): I believe that matter can be well left to the war-time prices and trade board.

Mr. PURDY: That is the question; will they also see to it that there is no increase in the price of mill feeds?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): They will give the matter consideration.

Item agreed to.

[Mr. J. A. MacKinnon.]

Canada Grain Act.

389. Administration, \$107,818.

Mr. JOHNSTON (Bow River): I have just received a telegram from a group of farmers in my district. I shall read it to the minister, and perhaps he will give me sufficient information to reply to these people. It is addressed to me and reads:

Resolution passed by a meeting of 160 farmers here on August 5. We the farmers of the Carbon district find ourselves due to four years' hail and low prices of products in a position where it will be impossible to even start harvest unless we receive assistance and, whereas we have been previously able to obtain assistance from either the bank or the elevator companies such assistance being no longer available, therefore we ask the dominion government to seriously consider assisting the farmers to harvest the present crop.

These 160 farmers are much concerned and they have wired me to get some definite information. As I pointed out the other day, this section has been seriously affected by hail. Hail comes through there almost every year, and I think this district has more hail than any point on the North American continent. These people pay their toll of one per cent into the prairie farm assistance scheme and they receive no assistance. They find they cannot carry on their fall operations and they are asking what can be done.

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): The wheat committee of the cabinet is most sympathetic with the situation prevailing in certain districts in the west, but dealing with an individual case of this kind should, I think, be the first responsibility of the municipality or the provincial government.

Mr. JOHNSTON (Bow River): This is not an individual case; there are 160 farmers involved.

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): I meant, comparatively speaking.

Mr. JOHNSTON (Bow River): Quite a considerable district is affected. I imagine it would run for twenty-five or thirty miles, but it is not large enough to be considered a township. This whole strip has been cleaned out for the last several years and I think the government should do something.

Item agreed to.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

Special.

116. To provide for commitments under relief settlement agreements with the provinces, including \$350,000 for undischarged commitments, \$500,000.

Mr. MacINNIS: This is the vote under which the federal government assists the