

happy and save more money when they were working and were drawing what was coming to them, and are now drawing unemployment insurance and spending more now, when they are idle.

Mr. EDMONDSON: I wonder if the honourable senator has misinterpreted our statement? We were not in favour of these expenditures for unemployment being the amount they are.

Senator HORNER: I did not understand that. I wondered what your opinion would be on the benefit, even to labour?

Mr. EDMONDSON: I think we would all agree there should be a review of the whole unemployment scheme and, certainly, a little stricter enforcement of the original intent of the rules. It is not an insurance scheme, in the proper sense of the word, today.

Senator HORNER: I would like to make a further comment. I suppose that everyone in Canada should be interested in Dr. Erhard, the financial man in west Germany, and what he says, that free enterprise must remain free. I think I could foresee what would have happened in Canada had enterprise remained free, as he understood it. We might not have had the co-operative elevator or the wheat pool in western Canada had free enterprise remained absolutely free. I also think the same could be applied to labour as well. Just on the same principle, labour is a combination. If it advances wages and conditions of work so that you people and others are prohibited from exporting or doing business, then it is not even free enterprise for labour or anyone else in the country: it is an amalgamation and combination that stagnates and prevents the promotion of production in Canada.

Mr. EDMONDSON: I agree with the senator completely. I think the answer to the previous question, about how we should really attack this, boils down to the fact that the Canadian public, every Canadian, should be sold on the fact that they should think Canadian before they buy, and they should be sold on the fact, like Europeans who have shown us the way, that we have to make up our minds to produce more than we have been doing per man and woman. I am not speaking just of the hourly rated man, but of all of us, including us sitting here. These two things are the main answer: to think Canadian when we buy; and to get more productivity.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions, gentlemen?

As there are no further questions, I thank you very much, gentlemen, for attending and helping us.

We will now hear the submission of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, which is represented here by Mr. H. H. Hannam, president; Mr. David Kirk, secretary; and Dr. W. C. Hopper, economist. Mr. Kirk will present the submission.

**Mr. David Kirk, Secretary, Canadian Federation of Agriculture:** Mr. Chairman and honourable senators:

The improved conservation, utilization and development of the human resources of the agricultural areas of Canada should be one of the major objectives of this Senate Committee's investigation of manpower and employment. The Canadian Federation of Agriculture appreciates the opportunity you have provided for our appearance at this time. In submitting this statement we hope that we may contribute in some measure to the deliberations of this Committee.

Through our provincial member bodies the Canadian Federation of Agriculture has circulated farmers by questionnaire and in this way and others we have attempted to supplement our regular organization processes of obtaining farm opinion. From this special survey, which in no sense is a scientific statistical analysis, we have gained some information and viewpoints which are