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HOUSE OF COMMONS, ROOM 497,

February 16, 1937.

The Special Committee on Farm Implement Prices met in Room 497 at 11 o'clock a.m., Mr. J. F. Johnston, the Chairman, presiding.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, there is a quorum present. The first order of business is the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

Now, gentlemen, Mr. Graham has a matter which he wishes to bring before you.

Mr. GRAHAM: Before Mr. Macdonald makes his submission this morning, which is a picture of the operations of the International Harvester Company, I am formally filing a copy of the complete questionnaire—not only the questionnaire which was filed before the committee on Agriculture and Colonization last year, but also the questionnaire that was added to that during the recess—and I will ask Mr. Macdonald if he will please identify it as the questionnaire which was sent to the four Canadian companies.

Mr. MACDONALD: That is it, yes.

Mr. GRAHAM: That will be Exhibit No. —. I presume that in numbering the exhibits it will be wise to continue (I remember discussing this with Mr. Thorson) the numbering of the exhibits which we commenced last year.

Mr. THORSON: I would think so, Mr. Chairman, for the reason that in order of reference before this committee the proceedings of last year are made a part of the record; so that I would suggest for the sake of continuity we start numbering these exhibits where we left off last year. We took the record over as it is and the last exhibit last year was number 39, so that this exhibit will be number 40.

Mr. GRAHAM: This will be Exhibit No. 40.

Exhibit No. 40—copy of questionnaire.

Mr. DONNELLY: This questionnaire is a completion of the other one, should we not mark it 39A?

Mr. THORSON: We would get confused if we did that, that is all. There will be lots of exhibits and I think giving them separate numbers would be more useful in the long run.

Mr. GRAHAM: Then I am filing the complete answers given by the International Harvester Company to the questionnaire sent out. I would ask Mr. Macdonald to identify this.

Mr. MACDONALD: I identify this.

Mr. GRAHAM: They are contained under broken down sections, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13—sections of the report; but I am putting the report in as a whole. That would be Exhibit No. 41.

Exhibit No. 41—replies to questionnaire by International Harvester Company.

Mr. THORSON: I would suggest that each section be identified separately as 41A, 41B, 41C, etc.

The CHAIRMAN: I observe that each one of these sections is marked.

Mr. GRAHAM: It is a complete reply. It is just one exhibit, but it is divided into separate sections.

The CHAIRMAN: I think that would be sufficient, wouldn't it?