

*Canadian Livestock Feed Board*

storage, and it may be that they would wish to do so through the western agency. So I suggest that initially four meetings is not unreasonable. I agree with the minister that the committee may have to meet more than four times in the initial stage. After the pattern is established it is quite possible that a meeting of this board once a year or only for emergency purposes would be quite sufficient.

**The Deputy Chairman:** Order. May I read the amendment submitted by the hon. member for Timiskaming. It is moved by Mr. Peters that in clause 15, subclause 3, after the word "meet" the words "at least once a year" be deleted and that the words "at least four times a year" be substituted.

Amendment (Mr. Peters) negatived: yeas, 3; nays, 43.

**Mr. Lambert:** Mr. Chairman, there is one observation I should like to make. It is a very minor point but one which has come up in respect of a number of boards and committees. It is stated that the members will be entitled to be paid, first of all, a per diem allowance while attending meetings. That is fine. Second, it is stated that they shall be paid travelling and living expenses when meeting at some place away from their normal place of residence. If the Board moves around and happens to go to the home city of a member, that member cannot even get a nickel for car fare if he wishes to go by bus. Let us take the city of Montreal. What are you going to decide is the city of Montreal? If the member should live in Ste. Anne he has a trip of 13 or 14 miles into Montreal and he would have to eat at hotels and so on. This is a minor irritant. I do not know how to get around it, but I hope that some method will be found to make this more felicitous for these boards. It is not that their members are looking for anything, but I know, for instance, that when the Board of Broadcast Governors meets outside Ottawa and is involved in a hearing extending over a period of a week or more, the member who happens to be at his place of residence has to buy all his meals and everything else and gets nothing. I would suggest to the minister that he pass on a word to the draftsmen that they make some change in this regard.

**Mr. Kindt:** Mr. Chairman, in respect of the efficient functioning of this board which the minister seems so intent upon having established I should like to ask at this stage

whether it is he or the board that is going to make the recommendations concerning who will serve on the advisory committee. I say this for two very obvious reasons. Whoever makes the recommendations and appointments to the advisory committee may be placing the appointees in a position of being subservient to him. This is very important. The minister may laugh, but this is one of the fundamental considerations in human relationships. If this board is to function properly it must be in a position where it can act without owing any debt of gratitude to anyone who may make appointments.

If the minister asks the grain growers or wheat pools to name persons, that would be one type of committee, but if on the other hand he asks the board to be set up under the bill to make recommendations for appointments and he in turn rubberstamps them, then this board will be as useless as any it is possible to create.

**Mr. Sauv :** As I said earlier, the members of the committee would be appointed by the Governor in Council and names would be suggested by the farm organizations. They would be picked from the lists proposed by the farm organizations.

• (5:10 p.m.)

**Mr. Danforth:** Mr. Chairman, the only concern I have, although I shall not make an issue of it at this time, is my fear that the number of persons on the advisory committee may not be sufficient when we take into consideration the long distances involved and the fact that there are six provinces in which this board will have jurisdiction over livestock feed. Perhaps the seven members of this committee who will carry out the provisions of the bill will not be able to do so efficiently because of the vast areas involved. The province of British Columbia, the maritime provinces and Quebec and Ontario are very much interested in the provisions of this bill. If we allocate one member to each of these provinces, other provinces which have large rural areas will not be efficiently represented. I should like to direct this matter to the minister's attention. Was due consideration given to this aspect of the situation and does the minister feel that five or seven members will be enough to carry out these duties?

**Mr. Sauv :** Past experience has indicated that for the purpose of appointing representatives of this kind there are regions in Canada and it has been customary to appoint one or