

## MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

June 1, 1943.

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Colonization met this day at 12 o'clock noon. The Chairman, Mr. W. G. Weir, presided.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we have with us this morning Mr. McIvor, the Chairman of the Canadian Wheat Board, Mr. Findlay, the Comptroller, and Mr. Clyde Davidson, a gentleman whose knowledge on the matter of wheat is very wide. Now, is it the wish of the committee to have the board called? Mr. McIvor suggested to me that it would meet the convenience of the board if Mr. Findlay's services could be utilized early in the committee's deliberations as he is the treasurer and the man who keeps things in order in Winnipeg, and Mr. McIvor is anxious for him to get back to his duties as he feels that his return to Winnipeg is of great importance.

Now, would the committee wish Mr. McIvor to make a general statement and then proceed to deal with the accounts themselves and secure any explanation that we need from Mr. Findlay?

Mr. PERLEY: I think it would be well to have Mr. McIvor make a general statement.

The CHAIRMAN: I should like his statement to be fairly brief, and he can add to it later with respect to policy.

Mr. PERLEY: When we come to the accounts, there is quite a difference between the set-up this year and that of last year, and a little explanation from Mr. Findlay would be valuable. Mr. McIvor could give us a general statement dealing with the report up to the accounts.

Hon. Mr. MacKINNON: I should like to say that when we met here last year the Canadian Wheat Board consisted of Mr. McIvor, chairman, Mr. Gordon Smith, vice-chairman, and the late Mr. Folliot as the other member of the board. The untimely passing of Mr. Folliot left a vacancy on the board that has been difficult to fill, but to that vacancy Mr. Daniel A. Kane, the general manager of the Manitoba Wheat Pool, has been appointed. At this time Mr. Smith has had to remain in Winnipeg to look after the operations of the board while Mr. McIvor and Mr. Findlay and Mr. Davidson have come to Ottawa. I thought you would like to have a word from me concerning Mr. Kane. In 1911 he bought grain for the original Reliance Grain Company in southern Saskatchewan. In 1916 he moved to Hanna, Alberta, and bought grain for a few months for the Home Grain Company and was appointed travelling superintendent with headquarters in Calgary. In 1921 he was appointed assistant manager of the Searle Grain Company, whose head office was then at Melfort, Saskatchewan, and shortly afterwards he was appointed manager of the Canada West Grain Company at Melfort, Saskatchewan. In 1922 the head office of that company was moved to Winnipeg, and in 1926 when the company was sold to the McLaughlin Grain Company he took over the management of that concern and also the Gold Grain Company. Elevators of both companies were chiefly in Saskatchewan. He continued with them until the fall of 1928 when he joined the Manitoba Pool Elevators. He has also taken care of the terminal operations for the Alberta Wheat Pool during the greater part of this period. I mentioned these facts to show you Mr. Kane's wide connection with the three western provinces.

The CHAIRMAN: May I say as one who comes from Manitoba that I am greatly pleased that the government has seen fit to choose a resident of Manitoba