

We might say that Maritime Co-operative Services Ltd., as a policy, has always arranged for our grain supplies well in advance of the close of navigation each year, and in this way has avoided paying the excess premiums in the years that these premiums have existed. To quite an extent, lack of proper organized purchasing has been one of the problems, and this is being brought under control through producer-owned organizations such as ours.

We would stress that Eastern livestock feeders do not feed grain but scientifically prepared balanced rations using many ingredients. The efficient producer takes this in bulk trucks to automatic feeder bins in his livestock and poultry houses.

We would raise one point concerning the operation of the Canadian Wheat Board which we have protested to the Minister of Trade and Commerce as being discriminatory. At times such as the sale of wheat to Russia during late August and early September domestic purchasers of feed wheat were refused forward sales. We were allowed to purchase feed wheat only if we had a boat ready to load at the Lakehead, while at the same time export sales were being made for many months ahead.

We attempted to purchase feeding wheat of a grade to be established at time of shipment as was being done for the export market, but this request was refused. The price of Number Five Wheat advanced $12\frac{1}{2}\phi$ a bushel from August 27th to November 27th, while export sales contracts were at a fixed price. This, we believe to be discrimination against the domestic feeder.

We have asked Dr. F. W. Walsh to appear before your Committee on our behalf on December 19th. Dr. Walsh is a member of the Feed Grain Committee of the Maritime Federation of Agriculture.

Yours very truly,

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