

I notice today that someone suggested that inasmuch as we did the collection of the P.F.A.A. that we could give you some information on that which came up in the course of discussion. I will be glad to answer any questions that you ask.

It would take me some time to explain all the duties of the board of grain commissioners.

Mr. ARGUE: It is the enforcement of the Canada Grain Act.

Mr. JORGENSEN: Your job is the enforcement of the Canada Grain Act?

Mr. MILNER: Yes. I will be glad to answer any questions which are put to me.

Mr. JORGENSEN: Well, that is what I wanted.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, have you any questions you wish to ask of Mr. Milner? I hope you will stay within the terms of reference.

Mr. HORNER (*Acadia*): Mr. Chairman, I did not intend to lead off, but my question concerns seed plants, and the licensing of them, and feed plants, and the licensing of them, and why P.F.A.A. do not collect on them.

Mr. MILNER: That is due to the amendment of the P.F.A.A. which reads as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of the Canada Grain Act, a levy of one per cent shall be deducted from the purchase price of all grain purchased by or through the managers of licensed country elevators, licensed grain dealers, licensed track buyers or licensed commissioned merchants and, unless previously deducted by such licensees a levy of one per cent of the purchase price shall be deducted on all grain purchased by the managers of mills and licensed terminal elevators, and transferred to the board of grain commissioners for Canada, as hereinafter provided.

We are not permitted to collect it from any person who is not licensed by our board.

Mr. HORNER (*Acadia*): In other words, agents of the wheat board, who operate feed mills, do have to deduct the one per cent levy?

Mr. MILNER: Not unless they are licensed by our board.

Mr. HORNER (*Acadia*): Could they be agents of the wheat board and still not licensed by your board?

Mr. MILNER: Yes, they could be.

Mr. ARGUE: Are there any in that category?

Mr. MILNER: I do not think so. It certainly is not a general thing. I cannot think of one at the moment.

Mr. HORNER (*Acadia*): In connection with this same point, in some instances there are agents of the wheat board who operate a feed mill. They will take grain, audit it through their feed mill books, and not deduct the P.F.A.A. payment. Yet, they will be agents of the wheat board.

Mr. MILNER: Yes.

Mr. HORNER (*Acadia*): Would that not be a violation of some kind?

Mr. MILNER: No. I have taken this matter up a good many times with the Department of Agriculture, under whom P.F.A.A. comes. I have shown them where they are losing a lot of money by this thing you are talking about. Take, in rapeseed alone. A person who is a licensee of our board, and handles it, must have the one per cent levy. Some person runs around the country, buying it, and not licensed by our board; he does not have to deduct the one per cent levy. The licensees of our board are complaining to us that they do not know why they should have to deduct it when some person, who is not a licensee, is getting away without having it. Also, it refers to seed grain.