

me and given me what they thought was reliable information on which to base my statements. If what they say is wrong then I think I shall be doing them good, I shall be helping out the cooperative principle by exposing the matter in the house and having the minister correct the false impression that now prevails in New Brunswick. I understand that, under the system, somewhere about the tenth of July is the date fixed when those who have registered will be called upon to vote for or against this marketing board, and that is one reason why I bring the matter up now, so that if our people are labouring under a false impression it may be corrected, and when the question of voting comes up on July 10 those registered and entitled to vote will be in a position to do so intelligently and will not be misguided in the step which they will take.

Mr. MOORE (Ontario): May I ask the minister for the personnel of the board and their qualifications?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): That is the dominion marketing board?

Mr. MOORE (Ontario): Yes, and their qualifications and incidentally their salaries.

Mr. WEIR (Macdonald): Would the minister also include in that answer the positions they ordinarily hold?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): The present chairman of the board is Mr. A. Leitch, at a salary of \$10,000 a year. The other members of the board are: Doctor Booth, head of the branch of agricultural economics, Mr. Davidson from the Department of Trade and Commerce; Mr. Eaton from the Department of Finance, Mr. Gosselin from the Department of Agriculture, and the secretary, Doctor Hopper. All the officials with the exception of Mr. Leitch and Doctor Hopper receive only the salaries they get in their own work in the various departments. Doctor Hopper's salary from the board is \$800; that is in addition to his regular salary as an employee in the branch of agricultural economics.

Mr. MOORE (Ontario): May I ask if the chairman devotes his whole time to the service of the board?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Yes.

Mr. MOORE (Ontario): Has the minister any knowledge that the chairman is interested in the marketing of tobacco?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Yes.

Mr. MOORE (Ontario): What is the nature of that occupation or undertaking?

[Mr. Veniot.]

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): My understanding is that he was in charge of the Mutual Tobacco Growers' Association in western Ontario, when we endeavoured to get his services at the head of the present dominion marketing board. We thought his services would be very valuable to us not only on account of the training he had before in agricultural economics, but also in a practical way because of his experience in the marketing of a commodity so extensive as that of the tobacco organization of which he was in charge. He was able to obtain release from his duties there, and to give his time as head of the dominion marketing board. We wanted some person with practical experience, with training in agricultural economics and one who had done some definite work along this particular line. He resigned as chairman of the tobacco board and took this position.

Mr. MOORE (Ontario): Is the mutual association really a cooperative undertaking of tobacco growers or is it a land holding syndicate?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): It is an organized company, not a cooperative society.

Mr. MOORE (Ontario): It is a land holding syndicate. Is Mr. Leitch one of the owners of this syndicate?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): I could not say.

Mr. MOORE (Ontario): One would think that would be a natural inquiry. Does the syndicate sell tobacco lands?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): I could not give that information. I shall be glad to get it. There should be no difficulty in getting it.

Mr. MOORE (Ontario): May I ask if under the marketing act as it applies to Ontario, certain licences are issued to growers and what provision has been made for the issue of other licences to growers, we will say, who have not grown tobacco formerly?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): The sellers of tobacco are licensed, but not the growers unless they are also sellers.

Mr. MOORE (Ontario): Do I understand the minister to say that a man may grow tobacco but may not sell it unless he has a licence?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): My information is to the effect that the licence states that it is for the selling of a certain type of tobacco. What the hon. member has in mind no doubt is this, that of recent years there have been those who entered into the production of tobacco who did not previously produce it,