

*Proceedings on Adjournment Motion*

be opened. Subsequently this was done. I was happy to be present in Winnipeg at the opening of the Thunder Bay futures market. This will allow the permanent extension of prices for rapeseed which is properly moved out of the east into European and eastern Canadian markets, which we hope to see increasing very much in the future.

I would point out to the hon. member that the existence of the two futures markets can occur because, as he will have noticed, the futures used in the two places involve different months in order to avoid any particular problems. A long time ago I was also concerned about the matter of inverted prices and the spread of price between street and nearby futures. This is one of the matters I asked the rapeseed committee to look into. They made suggestions and some of these were acted upon. Following that it continued to be a matter of concern to me that these situations existed. As well, in October I followed the suggestion of the rapeseed committee to invite the grain exchange to examine these practices.

I would point out to the hon. member that prices in this country are set as a result of discussions between elevator companies involved, particularly the pools, as well as other companies. The grain exchange's reply to

my inquiry, after a very thorough investigation, was mailed in a letter to me dated January 8 which came to my hand today. I did have in mind making this reply available to hon. members and I shall take an early opportunity to do so. It suggests a number of things which may allow the removal of the inverted price situation, and several other things which they believe may deal with the spread between the country price and nearby futures.

This spread, of course, is essentially the result of a squeeze on the rapeseed available for immediate delivery in Vancouver, and one recommendation from the grain exchange, made also to the Wheat Board, was that there be no idea at all of a fixed limit on rapeseed in Vancouver. This has already been acted upon by the Wheat Board, and much larger supplies are present there. After seeing the reply from the grain exchange, I am still concerned about the availability of clean rapeseed, in the hands of a variety of people, readily available for shipment to Vancouver and I will be looking into that matter in the future.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 10.32 p.m.

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