

enough protein concentrates to bring up the protein content of their other feeds? Does this mean that our local demand will be curtailed?

Mr. Crosbie No, the government has kept enough in the country for our own use with the other feeds that come in. We were not allowed to export that.

Mr. Smallwood Is there a shortage?

Mr. Crosbie No, there is not now.

Mr. Smallwood I think there is, but it is only now beginning to show; we are in the dead of winter and it is now that they need it. That 5,000 sacks, is that a big proportion of last year's production?

Mr. Crosbie Only about one-tenth of it.

Mr. Smallwood Well the rest of it, what happened to that, apart from what was held here?

Mr. Crosbie As far as I know the government purchased the 5,000 sacks for Canada because the Canadian price is much higher than ours. To get the fish meal they had to give us a certain amount of other feed and our government absorbed the extra loss. We are only allowed to export sufficient fish meal so that there would be enough left for the country. As far as the shortage now is concerned, I don't think it can be serious because there is a firm in Burin (the Monroe plant) making a lot every day.

Mr. Smallwood It is rather serious. I was on a farm Sunday night where they have 50 head of cattle and they are definitely short of protein. If it's being made daily now in Burin, could not the feed pool or the government bring it into town where it is so badly needed?

Mr. Crosbie You may find isolated cases, but I don't think it is serious.

Mr. Hickman I may be wrong, but I understand that if they had not exported those 5,000 bags of meal we would not have been able to obtain our allocation from the Canadian Feed Control. There is a lot of meal in Halifax, about 80,000 sacks but the transportation is at fault.

Mr. Figary Mr. Chairman, on pages 18-19,¹ speaking of tonnages for shipping in 1946 due to shortage of freight cars, railway and other labour

troubles. Do you mean in Canada, United States, or where?

Mr. Butt That was intended to be outside Newfoundland.

Mr. Higgins I have a couple of questions. On page 1² you have, "The government soil analyst informed us that about 3% of our soil, i.e. 700,000 acres, is first-class agricultural land, and that in addition about 30% is second-class soil." Where would that be situated?

Mr. Butt There are two main areas around the Codroy and Humber valleys as one area, and around Conception Bay and a small amount around Eastport. The 700,000 acres would be made up not so much in that area as from what he has done all over the country. Most of it is in that big area on the west coast and around Conception Bay.

[There followed a series of questions and answers dealing with livestock prices, and government assistance to land clearing]

Mr. Harrington In connection with land settlements,³ I notice here that in Markland the number of holdings is 73, expenditure \$644,000, acres cleared 385; Brown's Arm, 24 holdings, expenditure \$133,000, acres cleared 123. The comparison is about three times the number of holdings at Markland as compared to Brown's Arm; and three times the number of acres at Markland, as compared with Brown's Arm; and the cost is approximately five times. Incidentally, too, the expenditures on Markland began in 1934 when costs were much lower than in those days. Could you give us some information on that?⁴

Mr. Butt Do you want me to attempt to defend Markland? I do not intend to. There were certain things involved in Markland, e.g., they were getting experience.

Mr. Harrington In an expensive way.

Mr. Butt At Markland they had a number of people who are today in charge of land settlements in the country. After they had the experience in Markland it helped them get down the costs. I do not want to go too deeply into this.

Mr. Harrington Perhaps you had better not.

¹Volume II:180.

²Volume II:167.

³Volume II:173.

⁴The land settlement scheme was launched in 1934 by the Commission government with the intention of resettling some of the urban unemployed and destitute fishermen into new agricultural communities.