

would be quite proper for us to get the details of that case, and from our own personal knowledge we could arrive at general conclusions. For instance, the statement is made that this land that had been resold was the best of the land. Maybe that is so, and maybe not. Now, I have only one or two cases in my own mind where I know resale has taken place, and I have an idea in my mind as to the character of that land that has been sold, and we will arrive at a conclusion on that general point only by bringing forward at least a number of detailed cases.

Mr. CALDWELL: My contention is that we could not expect the Chairman to go into all the details of all these cases. I agree that if there is any case that can illustrate the point, and the Chairman can get it for us, there is no objection to that.

The WITNESS: As a matter of fact, there is great merit in dealing with these cases as far as the salvage is concerned, and as far as the settlers that are in difficulties are concerned. The statement that I had prepared goes into the re-valuation on this basis. The settlers are divided into different classes. First we have a group of settlers who have repaid their loans in full. Then we have a group who not only meet their payments, but pay something more each year. Then we have a group who are annually meeting their payments right along, and then a group who are only partially meeting their payments, and then a group who are unable to pay anything. I prepared this statement, which I expected to put before the Committee, dealing with a number of actual cases picked entirely at random through various districts, settlers who are in difficulty. I have also the actual details of their cases. I did not expect to go over the whole of them, but I do want an opportunity before the Committee is through of reaching the salient features of the cases of a number of them in order to illustrate the different types of men that are involved in the thing. In the same way, I have had prepared and have here to-day a statement of every parcel of land we have sold in the last twelve months, and individual statements of each one, so there is no question as to that.

*By Mr. Brown:*

Q. Might we get a detailed statement as to what might be regarded as a typical case in each one of these classes you mentioned?—A. Yes. As far as Mr. Caldwell's question goes, I have the figures here, of course, as to the amount that was paid including the initial payments, the amount which has been received from crop rentals, the amount received from various sources, because on all these salvage cases we collect a good deal of money in rentals. I have in mind one case in Saskatchewan where we collected last year more than one-third of the whole cost in our rentals, with the place on a crop rental basis.

Mr. CALDWELL: I would like to have that also in another column.

Q. Can you prepare us a statement that we can have for reference?—A. Yes, we will prepare a statement practically duplicating all the salient statements in here, with the additional ones bearing on the cost of land. I think it is the only way, from a general point of view. If you ask me questions on anything I can answer them, but it is pretty hard to attempt verbally unless I had prepared them all beforehand, because there is so much and different points continually arise.

Mr. ARTHUR: I would think, Mr. Chairman, the witness might go on with the statement regarding the salvage of these places and the cost, and the number of cases that have been successful and so on, and then afterwards hand it in so that it may become part of this day's proceedings, and we will have the figures at least.

[Major John Barnett.]