

Senator WATSON.—Do the speculator and the grain dealer not depress the market sufficiently to compensate for that?

Mr. RICHARDSON.—No.

Mr. MACLEAN, M.P.—Then perhaps we will have to always sell our grain under pressure and therefore will require large transportation facilities.

Mr. RICHARDSON.—Unfortunately our grain does not ripen every month in the year, but is largely shipped in September, October and November, if you put that stuff in the warehouse it is going to cost insurance and interest and you are up against it again.

Mr. ARMSTRONG, (Chairman).—You seem to object to restrictions in regard to all kinds of packages and every other kind of freight?

Mr. RICHARDSON.—I do.

Mr. ARMSTRONG, (Chairman).—No regulations whatever, dealing with whether you should accept products in package freight to different ports? We have serious objections coming from members of the association in regard to that matter. You think there should be no restrictions whatever?

Mr. RICHARDSON.—I think it would be a loss to the country if there were.

Mr. MACLEAN, M.P.—Does the Committee not think we should hear from those who are making complaints against the vessel men and then get their replies?

Mr. RICHARDSON.—I would like to see those complaints. I do not think there are any.

Mr. MACLEAN, M.P.—The Millers are anxious to say something, and I would like to have that Commission from Saskatchewan before the Committee. I call upon them publicly to come down and prove their statements that they have been unfairly discriminated against, unjustly charged in the matter of rates by the vessel men of this province, and having heard that charge I would like to hear the answer of the vessel men to the charge, and if there is any way you can reach those people making the charge, I think we should hear them before we adjourn.

Mr. EMMERSON, M.P.—I would like to ask Mr. Richardson a question: Your position is that the less tinkering of legislatures with these subjects the better for the country?

Mr. RICHARDSON.—Absolutely so.

Mr. MACLEAN, M.P.—Mr. Emmerson calls us tinkers.

Mr. KING.—I desire to call attention to one point. My impression was when the resolution of the Montreal Board of Trade was referred to a little while ago that it was mentioned by some one as being in favour of the proposals before the Committee. My impression now of the resolution is that it is fully in accord with what has been said by the representatives of the Dominion Marine Association. I mention it as one of the large commercial organizations in favour with our views.

Senator YOUNG, (Chairman).—Do the delegates who have not been heard to-day wish to make any statement? Is their case presented in full?

Mr. WRIGHT.—Yes, I think so.

Mr. KING.—We are all quite willing and anxious to reserve what further we have to say until the other representatives are heard in favour of these proposals provided we have full opportunity to meet them afterwards.