

explanation provided is very simple: you watch your gross overage. That is the main one, that is the important one because the gross is the weight and that is the important one. As far as the net overage is concerned you get into the matter then of screenings, recleaning, upgrading, mixing, etc., and if your gross overage is about right and your net overage is not unduly different I do not think you have anything to worry about."

I am saying that merely to point out that I asked the Board of Grain Commissioners for the information that I expected they came here prepared to give this committee and I was not able—and the record I am sure will bear me out—was not able to obtain from them this information.

I said that I felt that thousands of farmers were losing faith in the Board of Grain Commissioners. That statement is not based on the statement that just came out that day but my own knowledge of the Farm Union organization, their membership and their attitude. I believe Mr. Phelps said—I won't repeat it as strongly as he did—but he made the statement and members of this committee will know that he made the statement that what he had gone on up until the time that he gave his statement would justify any criticism that the Farm Union have made of the Board of Grain Commissioners.

I repeat once again on the basis of the record of this committee I believe the Canadian Wheat Board has done, is doing and will continue to do a sound, efficient job marketing the farmers' grain and as the minister has said tonight that is the all-important, that is the main problem. If the Wheat Board is able with assistance from the Department of Trade and Commerce, assistance in the way of government policy, to market a substantial quantity of grain, then that is the most important thing, but I do suggest that on the basis of the evidence we were given at this committee I cannot do anything but allow the statements I have made to stand.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any more questions? Then that completes the evidence. As I said, if it meets with your approval I will try to arrange a meeting at the best possible time next week. So far the most likely date, and the one that clashes least, would be Wednesday afternoon. What do you think of Wednesday afternoon?

Mr. McLEOD: I do not know how many members are going, but is there not a laboratory that we are invited to on Wednesday afternoon?

Right Hon. Mr. HOWE: Open house in the National Research Council. It will be worth-while. You should not meet on that date.

The CHAIRMAN: Wednesday is out, then. We will try to work it in Thursday afternoon sometime. Then I will call the steering committee together to consider the preliminary draft of our report, and then we will call a general meeting in camera to consider the report itself.

Agreed.

Possibly I have been remiss, because I have not placed on the record the names of the members of the steering committee. The steering committee is made up of: Messrs. Mang, Anderson, Roberge, Pommer, Argue, Dinsdale and Yuill.

I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

On the motion of Mr. Pommer, the committee is adjourned.