

Hon. Mr. WATSON: How much low grade?

Mr. BANKS: From about five to six.

Hon. Mr. WATSON: Would the low grades on the patents be greater or less than the straight grades or the same?

Mr. BANKS: The low grade remains practically constant.

Hon. Mr. WATSON: If you are making a high grade patent flour and a low grade at the one milling, or making a straight grade, would your patent or low grade be more or less than your straight grade in pounds?

Mr. BANKS: Even in making two grades, it would only be a lower grade; not a low grade.

Hon. Mr. WATSON: If you are making a patent and a low grade?

Mr. BANKS: It depends upon how far down you go.

Hon. Mr. WATSON: You have a patent and a low grade, and you are making a straight grade; would you have the same number of pounds?

Mr. BANKS: We do not at present.

Hon. Mr. WATSON: Which would you have the most of?

Mr. BANKS: The straight grade, because almost invariably, as far as I am aware, on this side, and I know it is so in England, the percentage of low grade is pretty uniform.

Hon. Mr. WATSON: When you are milling you are running a straight grade; everything runs into the one grade; then you are making patents and a low grade.

Mr. BANKS: We never do. Probably some millers may be running along those lines, but even with our so-called low grade flour there is always a percentage of lower grade, or feed-flour, taken off. Straight grade is the entire flour with the exception of a small percentage of the low grade.

Hon. Mr. WATSON: With the patent and the low grade which you are making at the same time, what percentage do you get out of a bushel compared with the low grade?

Mr. BANKS: Just the same percentage.

Hon. Mr. RICHARDSON: That would be a first, second and third patent, and what is left would be the low grade.

Mr. BANKS: Strictly speaking, it is not first, second and third patent. It is a first patent, or in case of a straight grade, it would be standard patent, and the other grade would be first clear.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: What are grape nuts made of?

Mr. BANKS: I have not had anything to do with grape nuts. I have my own ideas on the subject.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: And you don't know about Nestle's Food either?

Mr. BANKS: No, sir.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL: Do you make oatmeal?

Mr. BANKS: Yes, sir.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL: How does the food value of oatmeal compare with flour?

Mr. BANKS: I think oatmeal is rather better pound for pound. I am afraid I cannot give you figures on that question.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: It is double in protein, but not in calories.

Prof. R. HARCOURT, of the Ontario Agricultural College, was called as a witness, and testified as follows:—

Prof. HARCOURT: Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, yesterday morning I received a summons to come here, I had not read the speech which is under discussion to-day,