

after it commenced to form. But in that district for several years there has been, particularly since the price of wheat dropped, a great deal fed to stock—cattle, sheep and hogs—and people who have used wheat claim that there is more feeding value in it than there is in oats and barley mixed.

Hon. Mr. SHARPE: Isn't wheat too strong for hogs?

Dr. BARTON: It has got to be fed in mixture to all classes of stock, but there is no question about the feeding value of wheat.

Hon. Mr. RILEY: Sheep do exceptionally well on wheat.

Hon. Mr. POPE: At present prices wheat that is fed to hogs is more valuable than it is in any other form.

Hon. Mr. SHARPE: The low grade wheats are just as good for feed purposes as the others.

Dr. BARTON: Yes, provided they are not damaged.

The CHAIRMAN: The quantity of wheat that can be used for feeding purposes depends on the price of coarse grains. At present prices wheat would be much cheaper than oats.

Hon. Mr. RILEY: What steps do you propose to take to reduce the quota of wheat?

Dr. BARTON: You mean the restriction of production?

Hon. Mr. RILEY: Yes.

Dr. BARTON: I am not in a position to say anything definite in regard to that.

Hon. Mr. SHARPE: No person knows anything about it yet.

Hon. Mr. HORNER: You have just been telling us of the lack of any reserve in western Canada. That certainly has been a big mistake. We were led into that practice by the elevator companies which encouraged farmers to put their wheat where it could be marketed at once and shipped to the head of the lakes. Some of it had to be shipped back. Had the policy of keeping a reserve been adopted the farmer would have been in a much better position in a year of crop failure.

Dr. BARTON: Yes.

Hon. Mr. HORNER: Some men are fattening cattle on nothing but wheat, so far as grain feed is concerned, and they are doing fine.

Hon. Mr. BURNS: There cannot be anything better than wheat and barley for cattle. Of course, you have to be careful to start them off easy. Wheat is also very good for sheep.

Hon. Mr. POPE: I fed a lot of hogs practically on all-wheat. When I sent them to a man by the name of Pat Burns, who lives down in a little town called Calgary, he asked, "Whose hogs are these?" He was told, "Pope's". He said, "It is the best carload ever shipped in here. I will give him a dollar a head more on the market."

Hon. Mr. BURNS: Wheat fed hogs give the sweetest pork. In our country we use all wheat and barley for cattle. Good clean screenings are just as satisfactory.

Hon. Mr. BUCHANAN: Can you tell us how much of the wheat surplus is high and how much low grade?

Dr. BARTON: There is a record of that, but, as I say, we have not very much to do with the details, so I have not the figures at hand. They are available.

Hon. Mr. SHARPE: In the Department of Trade and Commerce.

Dr. BARTON: Yes.