

Mr. McRory replied that he could find fault with it all, but that the cut in effect now was exceptionally severe on the heavies of over 310 lbs. and on the sows both rough and smooth. That is the particular thing we are objecting to.

Mr. Baker resumed the Chair at this point.

Mr. Baker stated that if it would strengthen their hands for Mr. McRory to co-operate with the U. F. A. Secretary in connection with this matter, the Convention authorized this co-operation.

Mr. McRory replied that he felt very keenly on this situation that he could not keep away from this Committee in any case.

Mr. Baker then asked the Convention for an expression of willingness for Mr. McRory to co-operate with the Committee appointed and upon being voted upon, was carried.

Mr. Johnstone of Irma then stated that he would like to ask a question. We said they were rather peculiarly situated there, that they have pretty good live stock buyers and when they get hard up they can go to these men and get advances in money and deliver the stock later. He wished to know whether it would be advisable for their Local to appoint a Committee to try and make an arrangement with the local live stock buyer to have him handle their live stock for a certain commission, as they do not like to turn him down. At the same time, he stated, they wished to do the fair thing with the U. G. G. He said it had been a hard matter to handle, that he had tried to introduce the live stock question at every meeting but found it hard to do so on this account, that they did not wish to turn down the local man.

Mr. Molyneaux:—"In reply to that, I believe you will find that the system has been in effect throughout this district and especially East of Edmonton, for a long while, that the packers during certain times of the year have sent their agents out to the farmers and contracted all the available stuff for delivery at a certain time, and this has proven to the men who contracted that they always got away below the market price. There was a little scheme in this, as a few packers could easily combine to have all this stock delivered at a certain time. In their contract it stated that if the market raised over this certain price they would receive that raise, but naturally they having control of the market and rushing your stock in, in a couple of days the market lowered. If you can take your local stock buyer and make him the Manager of your Co-Operative Shipping Association so that you dictate to him absolutely as to how he is to handle your live stock, you are all right, but do not get on the fence where you are guessing what he is doing, or you will find yourself in just as bad a fix."

Mr. Johnstone replied that they did not make a contract with him but could get money in advance on the stock before it was delivered.

Mr. Molyneaux replied that he thought this should be worked through the U. F. A. Local, that they should go to the bank for the money where they knew what percentage of interest they would be obliged to pay, and they could then sell the stock wherever they liked, whereas if they got the money from this man, they would be obliged to sell to him, while this man got his money from the bank on the strength of the contracts which he held on their cattle.

Mr. Molyneaux stated further, with regard to getting Co-Operative Trading Associations on a going basis, that they had experimented and decided that it was necessary to have money if they wanted to continue in business. He said that at one point last year in nine months they did