

the terminal elevators, although by so doing we made a very considerable financial sacrifice in our elevator earnings. Nevertheless, we believed that it was in the interests of the producers of wheat to maintain the reputation of Canadian wheat at the highest possible standard. Furthermore, we believe this objective is even more important to-day with narrowing world markets, with all the principal exporting countries, and many of the importing countries as well, putting into effect measures to improve the milling quality and raise the standard of their wheat.

As Canada is to-day the only country selling its wheat on a certificate final in all markets, we feel we cannot afford to take a backward step while all other countries are going forward. We further believe if any substantial proportion of millers at home or abroad insist on separate grading of Garnet, we, as sellers of wheat must pay due regard to the demand of the buyers. At the same time, we believe if your committee should see fit to recommend the setting up of separate grades for Garnet, it should be done upon the understanding that such grades shall not become effective until after another seeding season. We also suggest, meanwhile, that if possible, a sufficient number of shipments of Garnet should be made to enable millers to carry out milling tests on a commercial basis thereby enabling them to determine the actual value of Garnet as a milling wheat.

I may say in that connection that it would be of value if that could be done, to establish the spreads of Garnet rather than to penalize the farmer.

*By Hon. Mr Motherwell:*

Q You mean an arbitrarily fixed spread?—A. Yes, sir.

Q. But that would only be for a time?—A. I would say in the meantime try to carry on shipments in such a way that actual commercial milling tests could be made for comparison. In any case, we are convinced a definite decision on this matter should be reached at this time in order to enable the growers of Garnet to perfect their plans for future crops.

*By Mr. Vallance:*

Q. Mr. Brouillette, at the commencement of your statement you said: We believe that Garnet should be separately graded.—A. No.

Q. Well, based on that the question I want to ask is, realizing the dual function that you perform as president of the Co-operative—you said that at the beginning of your statement, did you not, that you believed that Garnet should be separately graded?—A. No.

Q. I thought you said that you recommended that Garnet should be separately graded.—A. I said—if you will pardon the interruption Mr. Chairman—dealing with that particular point:

The stand that our organizations took at that time, and we have consistently adhered to since, is that if the buyers of our wheat object to the mixing of Garnet with the top grades of Marquis or wheat of similarly high milling quality, Garnet wheat should be given a separate grade.

Q. Then you suggest there that you are in sympathy with separate grades. The question I want to put to you is this: Realizing that you are president of the Canadian Wheat Producers Limited and the Saskatchewan Wheat Producers Limited, performing a dual function, is that conclusion arrived at from the marketing end of the wheat or is it arrived at from the growing end of the wheat?—A. Mr. Chairman, that is a very good question. Our policies emanate from the producers in all these important major questions. Delegates representing the producers in each district attend annual meetings.

Q. I understand that.—A. It works from the bottom up.

Q. Then at those annual meetings has it ever been discussed with the delegates as to the opposition of Garnet growers?—A. Yes.