

The WITNESS: Bread would be, yes.

Mr. WINTERS: Bread is shown on page 31, as one of the low items.

Mr. MAYBANK: That is the third one down.

Mr. LESAGE: But since 1935 there has been a sharp trend upwards.

The WITNESS: These point changes, of course, are a combination of the weighted prices. On bread, of course, as far as price is concerned, it only rose to 144.4 in January of 1948.

Mr. JOHNSTON: That figure is 106.2.

The WITNESS: Yes, that is right.

Mr. MAYHEW: Which is very rapid increase.

The CHAIRMAN: It is one of those which the rise has been indisputably high.

The WITNESS: That is right.

Mr. HARKNESS: In connection with that, and also the price of mill feeds, I wonder if the witness could give us the price the millers had to pay for their wheat during this period, particularly from December and January of 1945 to the present time?

The WITNESS: We could do that.

Mr. HARKNESS: I think that would be useful to the committee, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Mr. HARKNESS: I notice here that flour has gone up materially and mill feeds have gone up considerably more than oats and barley have. In spite of the fact that wheat has gone up considerably it has not gone up as much as these other grains have, and I think it might be useful if that situation is inquired into.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

*By Mr. Maybank:*

Q. You might take it month by month over a period of time and tell us the story of bread, together with some of its components; could that be done?—A. That could be done.

Q. How long back would it be desirable to go bearing in mind the recent rise? We had subsidies not very long ago. It would be well to go back before and take all the material of the subsidies when the picture changed. I should think the figures just about the time of the change, in order that we might know whether it would be right to conclude that the subsidy change, may have had something to do with it. Now, could that be worked out satisfactorily; bread and the things that go into bread?—A. Yes. We could make a series of price tables for you taking it back, if you wish—I should think to August of 1939 perhaps.

Q. All right. I thought it would be best just to leave it with you and remarking on its purpose and you could yourself decide on the field.—A. Very well.

Mr. IRVINE: Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that the tendency of the committee, at least for the moment, is to concentrate on those items of food stuffs in which the greatest increases in prices have recently developed. I was wondering whether it would be a proper question to ask Mr. Marshall for the increases in price of the commodities used in the production of these things. Would that not also have to be considered if we are going to get a proper picture?

Mr. MAYBANK: That is exactly what I meant when I said, "and things that go into it".

The CHAIRMAN: I think that is right. May I submit a question?