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Re: QUOTA.

(Mr. Wise, p. 1634) "The moment you restrict competition in selling, you give an opportunity for increased prices for those sellers who are able to get into the market.If the quota scheme worked to the satisfaction of the Dominions, it would only be if they were able to extract a higher price out of the consumers in this country than they getting from people elsewhere. That is the only purpose and attraction that will bring them into it."

"The quota only works if you have such a high protective tariff as to make it much more difficult for the foreigner to sell his grain, and if you are able, so far as the home quota is concerned, to exercise a very elaborate control over the whole of the milling industry of the country. In the Scandinavian countries and in Middle Europe where they have tried the quota, they are coming to the conclusion that, even with a high protective tariff, it is not a very efficient instrument, and several of them are examining or adopting schemes for centralising their imports so as to get a real control over the supplies, imported and home produced, that go into their mills. The quote is a roundabout and clumsy device for avoiding the real, direct handling of the problem, -- by socialised import boards.

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