

I was struck with the remarks of Mr. Hamilton the other day that the Board of Grain Commissioners on the 8th of January had recommended that nothing be done during the session with regard to Garnet wheat. Then some supplementary evidence came to his attention, one item of which was dated the 10th of April. I would draw the committee's attention to the fact that the Bill was brought down on the 9th of April, so the supplementary evidence came in a little late. The other supplementary evidence came down on the 16th of February, and it was from a chemist representing a number of millers, was it not?

MR. HAMILTON: Yes.

HON. MR. MOTHERWELL: We would like to have the millers' testimony in regard to this matter more than that of chemists. You can get pretty nearly any kind of report from a chemist depending upon what phase of the matter a chemist is dealing with. I can bring you the statement of a chemist stating that a blend of Marquis and Garnet will make a more satisfactory flour than either of them alone. Now, I do not know whether we can take such an opinion any more than we can take this one. You can see that such opinions are not worth very much—a chemist's version of a matter of this kind. There has been a lot of propaganda against Garnet wheat in the last four years or possibly five years, particularly by the Canadian Millers' Association of Canada. I think Mr. Short is the president, or he used to be. And it is rather a significant fact that Mr. Short apparently started off in February on a tour from Vancouver, and immediately after he left there a recommendation comes in, or about that time, against Garnet wheat—they are afraid that their port is going to be hurt if Garnet assumes too large a volume at that port. Then we find the same Mr. Short at Calgary, and he begins by telling the prairie farmers that it is not fair to have the fine southern wheats mixed with the lowest quality of wheat from the north, particularly Garnet, and he describes the burdened farmers of the south carrying the northern farmers on their backs, and he uses that illustration all through from the prairies down to Montreal, and then it appears, a great part of it, in the Northwestern Miller in Chicago.

Now, that is the kind of propaganda that went on, preceding the action taken by the Minister of Trade and Commerce in regard to bringing this matter here. But let that go. I cannot prove that one was related to the other at all, but it is rather a significant coincidence that some of the supplementary evidence to justify taking this step has been brought down after the Bill was on the order paper, and the other matter occurred simultaneously with Mr. Short's joyride across the continent drawing attention to the depressed farmers of the south, after being burdened down with grasshoppers and drought, and then having to carry the northern farmers on their backs. The unfortunate part of it is that the southern farmer has nothing to market, and that is the reason why Garnet is going out in solid blocks.

And who are they going to refer this to? The Grain Standards Board. And when I talk of the Grain Standards Board I would like to remind the committee that I have been on that board for 25 years of my life, and I know pretty well its workings, and there are a lot of good men on it. But they have already passed judgment on this question in 1931—what the lawyers call *ex parte* evidence. The gentleman who was prepared to give evidence before was Dr. Newman, a member of this Board. He was notified of the meeting in 1931 in the usual way, and nothing was indicated that this particular question was to be brought up. After 25 years' experience on that Board I know that every time it had a special question before it the fact was always mentioned on my notice so that I would be sure to be there if I happened to be interested in that question. Dr. Newman got his notice to go to this meeting in 1931, but absolutely no reference was made to Garnet wheat. They met without Dr. Newman. Knowing he had evidence, they went along and pronounced themselves against Garnet and in favour of grading it separately.