

Q. Yes. So be careful because we are prejudicing Garnet wheat in the evidence?—A. Probably it was not very well expressed, but these grades are termed as such. It is Red Spring wheat. Statutory grades; all western grown Red Spring wheat included in schedule 1. The others, of course, will be Red Spring wheat but they are commercial grades, not statutory grades. That would be the distinction. Well, then, that is the reason it was thought advisable to give the western committee on grain standards this power rather than having it put in the Act at the present time. If they are found unsatisfactory they can be changed more readily; if they are found satisfactory, if parliament wishes, they can be made statutory at a later session. I might make some reference to the western committee on grain standards just to give the members of the committee some idea of whom it is composed and whether you can reasonably feel confident in delegating such authority to this committee. I would say that under the provisions of the Canada Grain Act grades 1 Hard, 1 Northern, 2 Northern, 3 Northern and 4 Northern are statutory grades. The western committee on grain standards has power to make other grades under special conditions. Frequently the committee sets up Five, Six, and sometimes Feed, and, then, sometimes where there are peculiarities in the crop—it might be where we had a crop of very large, plump, heavy wheat and frozen, but not immature—they have power to make a special grade; or if it was a thin wheat, a rusted wheat, for example, which was thin and light but still high in protein, if the committee saw fit they have power to make a grade to meet a situation of this kind. So it is thought that it is not delegating to the western committee on grain standards a very great deal of additional authority when it is proposed to give them authority to make special grades for Garnet wheat or any other variety if it might be thought advisable. The western committee on grain standards under section 25 of the Act consists of the following. This is the personnel: “The commissioners”—the three members of the Board of Grain Commissioners—the chief grain inspector—the chairman of the grain appeal tribunals hereafter referred to, the chief chemist on the staff of the Board and the Dominion cerealist shall be ex-officio members of the Western Committee, and the Board shall nominate or arrange for the nomination as members, from among persons who are willing and able to act, of a representative of millers of wheat flour and of four representatives of the grain growers in Alberta, five of the grain growers in Saskatchewan, three of the grain growers in Manitoba, and one of the grain growers in British Columbia.” This is the composition of the western committee on grain standards. If the committee desires I could proceed to give you the personnel, but if you do not care to take that much time I will pass that over by saying that the Board has endeavoured to make the representations from the various provinces as widespread as possible. I think the question has been raised: Have the growers of Garnet wheat any representation on the western committee on grain standard? And in answer to that question I might say that one of the growers’ representatives from the province of Saskatchewan is Mr. George Canfield who lives northwest of the city of Prince Albert.

Hon. Mr. WEIR: He grows Reward wheat.

The WITNESS: Yes. Probably he does.

Hon. Mr. MOTHERWELL: And he was only recently put on.

The WITNESS: Yes. Only recently put on. From the province of Alberta there is Mr. George Bennett, a member of the board of directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool who lives in the area east of Edmonton and who I think is—I am not absolutely sure—I think he himself is a grower of Garnet wheat. Nevertheless, he lives in that district and his friends and neighbours are among the growers of Garnet wheat in the province of Alberta.