

Mr. McINTOSH: Under the grain commission?

Mr. LOPTSON: Yes.

Mr. McINTOSH: Who are the representatives on the board?

Mr. LOPTSON: They are listed here.

Mr. McINTOSH: In all localities?

Mr. LOPTSON: Yes, on page 18.

Mr. HORNER (*Acadia*): I have a question in connection with appendix H—"estimated quality of 1958 crops". I notice with a great deal of pleasure that it states about 90 per cent of the spring wheat is expected to grade No. 3 or higher and for the first time in several years there is a fairly large volume of No. 1 northern. I wonder if you could give an estimate as to what that percentage might be; is that going too far at the present time?

Mr. LOPTSON: Yes, I am afraid so.

Dr. IRVINE: That comment there, of course, is an estimate based on early sampling of the wheat. The final position will be very difficult to assess, because the grain inspection department is inspecting grain as it comes forward and it may be from this year's crop, last year's crop or a crop five years ago. So that estimate, which we base on samples from country elevators, which they know to be new crop wheat, is about the only way we can make a guess, in these times when we have a large carryover, as to what the grade of the crop is.

Mr. KORCHINSKY: With reference to malting barley, does the board confirm the fact the barley may be malt in quality?

Mr. LOPTSON: We only grade to grade; we have nothing to do with the malting qualities.

Mr. HORNER (*Jasper-Edson*): If a farmer wants to know whether or not it is malting, do you do the test?

Mr. LOPTSON: Yes, our laboratory does the testing.

Dr. IRVINE: We do not actually encourage farmers to send in samples for tests on malting quality. When the grade is assigned as a malting grade, this is evidence of its malting quality.

Mr. HORNER (*Acadia*): I have one more question, under appendix (I), Charges. It says at the bottom of the page:

Storage charges at all elevators remained unchanged: Interior elevators at 1/45c, Prince Rupert at 1/30c per bushel per day.

A year or two ago there was a statement put out that there was a terminal elevator at Vancouver that was practically empty and nobody seemed to know why it was empty. Would that be because of the reluctance of elevator companies to move grain into that area where the storage is less?

Mr. LOPTSON: Are you referring to a terminal in Vancouver?

Mr. HORNER (*Acadia*): Yes.

Mr. LOPTSON: There was a national harbours board terminal in Vancouver that was in bad repair, and I believe a large grain company said they would use it if they repaired it; and I understand that it has since been repaired and has been rented out to the pool.

Mr. HORNER (*Acadia*): There is no reluctance on the part of the elevator companies to move grain into these interior elevators where the storage is less?

Mr. LOPTSON: No.

Mr. McINTOSH: On page 62, under the revenue table, the last line says: "Includes \$2,952.79 refund of previous year's expenditure". What is meant by that? That is inspection at Montreal.