

same as other farmers, by being too optimistic in 1920 and buying more land at a very high price, which has caused him some trouble, but not very serious trouble, and—not breaking this man's confidence—I might say he is a Frenchman; he came from Old France after he lost his right hand—he has been operating all these years with that handicap, and he has been signally successful. I just wish to read the last page of this letter and if any member of the Committee wishes to see it, I have no hesitation in lending it to him, because it is not for publication. I do not wish to have this appear; (witness reads portion of letter).

*By Mr. Gardiner:*

Q. Does he follow a system?—A. Of summer fallow. The land that he puts in crop is summer fallowed.

Q. Does he follow the Bohanan system?—A. No. If one man can proceed in that way, and the other man does it the same way, he can expect some measure of degree of success similar to it.

*By Mr. Sales:*

Q. There is a very unfortunate factor you have got over very nicely, that is the large family.—A. That is a factor, alright.

Q. You are aware of the fact that we spend two or three million dollars a year on experimental farming?—A. Yes.

Q. What is your idea with regard to these experimental farms?—A. I do not know that I am in a position to give an intelligent answer to that. I think there are a lot of experiments carried on in an experimental way, where many of them, if they were applied, might work out in a practical way; many of them would not.

Q. The reason I asked that is, you made a statement that Mr. Bohanan uses certain methods in his cultivation?—A. Yes. Mr. Bohanan has demonstrated in eleven years that he has had eleven consecutive crops and has never had a crop failure. I am not interested in theory. I am interested in the actual results we get. That is really the acid test.

Q. When you get people coming to this country from every country of the globe and they have the experimental farms, just as much as they had, they naturally look to the experimental farms to give them the idea how they should conduct their business.—A. I appreciate that very much.

Q. I heard Mr. Bohanan give out his method last fall, and I heard the man who had been superintendent of one of the Dominion experimental farms come right after him and say that his method was of no extraordinary value.—A. I would say with all due respect to the experimental farm that I would bet on the actual farmer, Mr. Bohanan, who has proven it.

*By Mr. Milne:*

Q. Surely you do not mean to say this is the only man who has been successful in the west?—A. I am pointing out for that particular district, and I am not laying any particular stress on the adoption of Mr. Bohanan's system. I am pointing out that the district, with the hard luck they had year after year, produced good crops.

Q. You are, to all intents and purposes, criticising other farmers in that district because of the fact that they have not followed Mr. Bohanan's system.—A. I might say in all confidence to the Committee that Mr. Bohanan dropped on that system more or less by accident than anything else. Many things that have proven to be very very valuable are the result of accident.