

## APPENDIX No. 3

it?—A. You are going to find out now where you are going to succeed. Mr. Sales, have you been unfortunate enough not to retain any of it?

The CHAIRMAN: That is a piece of personality.

The WITNESS: It is out of order for me to ask the question, but I could not resist.

Mr. SALES: I got a share of it.

The WITNESS: We are all in that boat.

The CHAIRMAN: We thank you very much. We all hope that the investments in the West of the Mutual Life Insurance Company will turn out successfully. Gentlemen, should we ask, in connection with our study of rural credits, Commissioner Colin Fraser of Regina and Mr. Laughlin MacNeil of Winnipeg to come and testify before us? Dr. McKay and Mr. Gardiner were to give it special attention. What do you think, gentlemen? Does Mr. Prout know as much of Manitoba as Mr. MacNeil?

Mr. SALES: Mr. Prout is the father of the scheme.

Mr. GARDINER: I think perhaps it might be advisable to bring Mr. Prout.

Mr. CALDWELL: We have not got the information. That is the crux of the whole thing.

Moved by Mr. Gardiner, seconded by Mr. McKay that Mr. Colin Fraser and Mr. Laughlin MacNeil be instructed to attend before the Committee.

Motion agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN: I think we should try and close our meetings at the end of the following week.

Mr. CALDWELL: How many men have we got next week?

The CLERK: Five for the next week.

The CHAIRMAN: Ask them to appear next Monday, to bring full information concerning the operation of their systems, with all figures necessary for an examination into the particular workings of their system.

Mr. CALDWELL: I think you had better definitely ask for the arrears.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, the amounts advanced, repayments, and arrears.

The Committee adjourned until 11 o'clock a.m., May 1st, 1923.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS,

COMMITTEE ROOM No. 268,

Tuesday, May, 1, 1923.

The Special Committee appointed to inquire into agricultural conditions throughout Canada met at 11 a.m., Mr. McMaster, the Chairman, presiding.

CHARLES M. BOWMAN, recalled.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Mr. Bowman, we would like you to give us some more information this morning. Yesterday you made some observations as to difficulty the agriculturist found himself in view of the fact that he was selling as a wholesaler, or at less than wholesale prices, and that he had to buy his commodities at retail, and that those commodities had not come down in price to the same

[Mr. Charles M. Bowman.]