

this is not always evident. You may think of us in terms of big wheat growers. It is true we have some of those. But we also have a large number of people on quarter sections and they simply are not earning a living.

Mr. RICARD: You have no idea how many there are?

Mr. MOLGAT: No, but I could get a figure for you, I am sure, Mr. Ricard. We are having an ARDA study at present in one of the portions of the province—the Interlake—and those statistics would be available.

The CHAIRMAN: On behalf of the Committee I want to thank Mr. Molgat and his colleagues for their presentation here tonight. I suggest that this brief be printed as presented as an appendix to our proceedings?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Agreed.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Molgat is going to make an announcement afterwards. Will the members who are leaving the Committee sit down? Mr. Molgat is not going away. If the Board of Grain Commissioners would care to come up here to answer a few short questions, they can do so now. I would not really blame you if you did not come up here.

First on my list of members who wish to ask questions is Mr. Danforth. I cannot see whether he is still here or not.

Mr. DANFORTH: I am here. Mr. Chairman, I have just one line of questioning I would like to put forward at this time to Mr. Hamilton. Since the inspection of grain comes directly under the Board of Grain Commissioners, we hear from time to time that there is a proposed revision of the grades of eastern-grown grains in Canada. Can you tell me whether this comes under the direct jurisdiction of the board and whether anything is being done in this regard?

Mr. SHUTTLEWORTH: If I could just follow up while Mr. Conacher is coming, this certainly is under the jurisdiction of the board. It was pointed out this morning that an advisory committee was appointed and a hearing was held in eastern Canada, in Toronto, where briefs were presented from all facets of the industry interested in this. Subcommittees have been set up. Mr. Conacher is chairman of the advisory committee and he can give you a very brief report on the situation as it is today in eastern Canada.

Mr. CONACHER: Mr. Chairman, is the question: does the board have jurisdiction over eastern grain?

Mr. DANFORTH: I am sorry I put my question before you were in your seat. I asked the question: Since it has been proposed from time to time that consideration be given to a revision of the grades of eastern grown grains, does this come under the jurisdiction of this board and have any steps been taken to accomplish this as a fact?

Mr. CONACHER: Mr. Danforth, following on Mr. Shuttleworth's statement, as recently as last Monday we held the first meeting of the so-called subcommittee on Canada eastern grains. This is a subcommittee to the advisory committee to the Board of Grain Commissioners. The terms of reference of that subcommittee are as follows: This subcommittee is directed to make an examination of the grades that apply under authority of the Canada Grain Act to grains produced.