

Q. Take barley with a 48 standard, how will it sell in the Old Country where the standard is 56 pounds?—A. Barley is 48 pounds.

Q. In the Old Country?—A. Here it is 48.

Q. It is 56 for barley in Great Britain?—A. Yes, but here it is 48.

Q. How is that going to sell in competition with barley weighing 56 pounds to the bushel? Do you not think you had better set a higher standard here and try to aim at it?—A. Of course, when they buy our barley—as far as we are concerned we are selling it on the basis of 48 pounds to the bushel.

Mr. Ross (Moose Jaw): Is barley in the Old Country 56 pounds to the bushel?

Mr. NEWMAN: Yes. I have a paragraph here from a publication of the British Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. It is a report on the marketing of wheat, barley and oats in England and Wales:

These are the important factors in feeding and milling types of barley. The drier nature of imported barleys makes them more desirable for provender milling than home grown grain. Whereas the latter contains from 16 to 17 per cent of moisture, the imported kinds contain, as a rule, from 11 to 12 per cent. Home grown barley, however, has generally a higher bushel weight than imported barley. It is bought and sold, as a rule, on the basis of 56 pounds to the bushel, but on the average of the ten years, 1918-27, its natural bushel weight was estimated at 53.8 pounds. This might be compared with, say, No. 1 Canadian Western, the bushel weight of which is 48 pounds, and number 3, which has a bushel weight of only 46 pounds.

So the reason, apparently, for a greater standard there is the difference in the moisture content.

The WITNESS: When we are making our price on barley we are figuring on 48 pounds to the bushel.

Our suggestion for No. 3 Canada Western Barley is:—

*No. 3 Canada Western Barley* shall be Barley which is not pure enough as to variety or free enough from other grain to be classed in the preceding grades. It shall be reasonably clean and weigh not less than 45 pounds per measured bushel.

*No. 4 Canada Western Barley* shall include damaged Barley, weighing not less than 42 pounds per measured bushel. It may contain 15 per cent wild oats or wild oats and seeds, or 10 per cent of other domestic grain; it shall not contain more than 3 per cent of seeds.

*Feed Barley* shall include all barley excluded from the preceding grades on account of light weight or mixtures. It may contain 25 per cent of wild oats or wild oats and seeds or 20 per cent of other domestic grain; it shall not contain more than 5 per cent of seeds.

Now, that grade we have suggested for 3 C.W. Barley as against our present 3 C. W. Barley, which reads as follows:—

*No. 3 Canada Western Barley* shall be reasonably clean and reasonably free from all other grain; shall include weather stained and slightly shrunken but sound barley and weighing not less than forty-five pounds to the bushel.

*No. 4 Western Canada Barley* shall include all damaged barley weighing less than 45 pounds to the bushel.