

effect the presence of Garnet had; or the amount of Garnet in any given sample, or out of any given part. There are so many causes that do effect spreads that it would not be possible for us to come to any conclusion as to what the effect of Garnet might be upon the spreads?—A. Well, some people have thought because the No. 2 Northern widened out at Vancouver during the period of the last six months that it was because of the larger mixture of Garnet wheat there; but strangely it did not widen out in that way in previous periods; and so I cannot say what the effect of Garnet wheat mixed in No. 2 Northern has upon the spread, because it has varied so much over the period that we have been working with it—the last three or four years that Garnet wheat has been in No. 2 Northern—and the spreads have fluctuated so widely in that time for the reasons I have mentioned, I think.

Q. We might as well put it out of the picture altogether as influencing our decision in the matter. That would seem to me to be the effect of what you have said?—A. Of course a great many people, as I said just now, think this large percentage of Garnet wheat in No. 2 Northern at Vancouver should widen the spread. As I say, that is one side of it, and yet on the other side we have the fact that during the period of two or three years Garnet has been there, the spread has been narrow there for No. 2 as compared with No. 1 Northern. Some mixture, as I take it from the evidence of Dr. Newman, has been apparent in the wheat at Vancouver—some large percentage over a period of two or three years.

*By Mr. Carmichael:*

Q. For how many years have you been doing business on the continent?—

A. For about 30 years.

Q. Have you noticed any difference in the opinion of our No. 2 grade wheat over there during the last three or four years in comparison with prior to that? A. I can repeat only what I have said, that we have had no complaint about Garnet on the continent at all.

Q. I was not thinking of any particular variety, I was taking the general circumstance of the quality of our No. 2 grade; have there been any complaints as to its quality in recent years as compared with an earlier period?—A. No, I would not say so. I would say this, and of course it comes up often in connection with grain particularly with the European buyers: The European buyer has always complained a little no matter what he gets; when he gets something that is better he never says anything about it, but if he had no complaint or not, he would say it is not as good as the last; something like that. I say that specifically we have had no more complaints the last three or four years than we had in previous years. I would not say so, from the continent. But, as you know, we have had a great many complaints from the United Kingdom about Garnet wheat.

*By Hon. M. Motherwell:*

Q. Does that complaint come more from the Scotch millers than from the United Kingdom millers?—A. I think it is pretty general, Mr. Motherwell.

Q. We find the Scotch, and maybe the English co-operatives who grind many of them a hundred per cent Canadian wheat, and they complain that it is not of as good a colour as they would like to have it; whereas other millers combine Canadian wheat with others in such a way as to fix the colour to suit them?—A. Yes, the flour is rather darker in colour.

Q. Well, we in Canada—especially the growers—are very anxious to please our customers in Great Britain, and all our customers including our own millers, if we can; and we would like to go as far as possible in growing the kinds of wheat our millers and customers want; but as you have just said it does not really make any difference what you grow some people will complain and want something else— but that I suppose is just human nature. Well, you have so