

Mr. JOHNSON (Moosejaw): Before you leave that point, Mr. Woods, did I understand you to say that the Canadian consumer purchased his flour cheaper than the American consumer did?

Mr. WOODS: Yes.

Mr. JOHNSON: Is it not also a fact that the average price received by the Canadian wheat producer was higher than the average price received by the American producer?

Mr. WOODS: That is true.

Hon. Mr. ROBB: Is that hard wheat?

Mr. WOODS: It applies to total output.

Hon. Mr. ROBB: Hard wheat only?

Mr. WOODS: All the wheat of the nation.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: Does not the hard wheat usually bring a higher price than soft wheat?

Mr. WOODS: Usually, yes.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: I am referring to the general difference between hard and soft wheat.

Mr. WOODS: That depends almost entirely on the relative supply. The demand for hard wheat is not primarily for the purpose of making hard wheat flour; it is for blending. The reason that hard wheat went so high in the United States before it did so in Canada was because they put an embargo upon our northern wheat. They raise quite a quantity of northern wheat over there and use it for blending purposes, but in the year 1919 they only had about one-third of the normal supply of that wheat and the government would not let our wheat go in there and they ran their little supply of northern wheat up to a very high level and sold quite a big supply of flour on the basis of the price of that little supply of northern wheat.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: You said a moment ago the consumer in the United States got his flour cheaper and the farmer in Canada got higher prices for his wheat than the farmer in the United States.

Mr. WOODS: You have that wrong. The consumer paid more for his flour in the United States, and the Canadian producer got more for his wheat than the United States' people.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: This is important information you are giving us now, and will very much affect the consideration of the question later, I think. Can we be supplied with figures upon which you can base that statement, because after all it is facts we are after rather than opinions, and there is no doubt you have that information available.

Mr. WOODS: Mr. Stewart and Mr. Riddell or either one of them can supply you with actual facts in every detail in regard to this matter. I would suggest if you want those facts that you have one or both of these gentlemen up here before your committee and they can give you all the facts.

An hon. MEMBER: I would move that these facts be furnished to this committee.

Mr. GARLAND: I would second the motion and I would ask the mover of the motion in order to have no doubt on these questions that both Mr. Stewart and Mr. Riddell appear before the committee.

The CHAIRMAN: I think that motion will come after you have finished with Mr. Woods.

Mr. WOODS: The Wheat Board as I said had the control of the entire output of Canadian wheat. They negotiated the sale of all that wheat and they controlled the flow of the wheat. They sold so much at a time. Here is a buyer who had to nego-

[Mr. H. W. Woods.]