

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

HOUSE OF COMMONS, ROOM 429.

May 18, 1934.

The select standing committee on agriculture met at 11 o'clock, Mr. Senn presiding.

The CHAIRMAN: Order, gentlemen. We will proceed immediately. When our last meeting adjourned it was decided to meet at the call of the chair following a report of the sub-committee which was appointed to deal with the question of witnesses. I will ask Mr. Carmichael to make a statement regarding the action which the sub-committee took.

Mr. CARMICHAEL: Mr. Chairman, I have prepared a statement and I have had copies made for the benefit of the members of the committee if they want them now or later. Some of the members may wish to check up on this list. The statement is as follows:—

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Sub-Committee met on Thursday, May 17, to decide on what additional points of evidence should be brought before this Committee in connection with the proposed separate grading of Garnet wheat, which were not given us two years ago. All the members were present. There also present Mr. Hamilton, of the Board of Grain Commissioners; Mr. Fraser, Chief Inspector, and Dr. L. H. Newman, Dominion Cerealists. The following suggestions were made by the Committee upon which additional evidence might be taken:

- (1) The kinds of wheat, with quantity and grade, that are used by our millers in their grinding mixture.
- (2) Quantities of No. 1 and No. 2 Nor. wheat purchased by our millers over a period of the last three or four years.
- (3) How does the quantity of No. 2 Nor. compare with the quantity of other grades in our carryover during each of the last four years.
- (4) The Canadian price of No. 2 Nor. compared with the Argentine and Australian price for similar grade for each of the past four years.
- (5) The spread in price between No. 1 Nor. and No. 2 Nor. in Vancouver as compared with the Fort William price, and possible reasons.
- (6) Result of growing tests of samples of wheat, especially from Pacific ports and also from Atlantic ports.
- (7) Relative yields of Reward, Marquis and Garnet wheats at different points.
- (8) Improvement of the quality and pureness of variety of Marquis and the possible displacement of Garnet by other suitable varieties.

It was thought by your Committee that Nos. 1 and 2 might be answered by a representative of the Millers Association; Nos. 3 and 4 by Dr. W. T. Grindley; No. 5 by Mr. Sidney T. Smith of Winnipeg, and Nos. 6, 7 and 8 by Dr. Newman.

While your Committee was not instructed to make suggestions as to who should be called to give additional evidence, they considered it advisable to recommend to you the calling of the following as witnesses: Dr. L. H. Newman, Dominion Cerealists; Dr. W. T. Grindley, Chief of Agricultural Statistics Branch; Dr. H. M. Tory, President of the Research Council, to report more particularly on the storage qualities of Garnet flour; Mr. Sidney T. Smith, Winnipeg, Man., as a representative of the exporters; the President of the Saskatchewan Wheat