

certain machines when sold for export and also when sold for consumption in the domestic market.

*By Mr. Donnelly:*

Q. We continually hear it said that you can buy a Canadian plough cheaper in Australia than you can in Canada. Is there any truth to it? That is what we would like to know. We are continually hearing the statement made that you can buy a Canadian binder cheaper in England than you can in Canada. Is there any truth in it?—A. I would say this, Dr. Donnelly; that you cannot prove it from the records of the International Harvester Company with which we are dealing at the present time, but I think you can prove it from the records of one of the other companies which will come before us.

*By Mr. Ward:*

Q. Can this information not be secured through our trade agents in these countries?

Mr. GRAHAM: We have done that, Mr. Ward, and I wanted to refer to that. Information of that type is included in these reports, one is from our trade commissioner in Australia and there are others from trade commissioners in other countries. They give the price of the implement in the currency of the country concerned and convert it to par in our currency. Of course it is not furnished with the degree of exactitude and correctness that characterizes our auditor's report, but the prices in the different foreign countries are given.

Mr. SENN: Is it given for comparable implements?

Mr. GRAHAM: That is the point, we cannot tell whether they are comparable or not.

The CHAIRMAN: Order, order please.

The WITNESS: That difficulty arose at Chicago, as to whether they were comparable implements. The Harvester Company had considerable difficulty in comparing implements which were sold in Canada with implements which were sold for export and which were comparable. Take a binder for instance. They had the man in charge of that department go into this and they found that the binder used in England was a right-hand binder and was entirely different in construction, and that meant also different in respect to manufacturing costs, it was a different machine and it was not comparable with the Canadian binder.

*By Mr. Coldwell:*

Q. The fact that it is a right-hand binder should increase its price rather than lower it?—A. From such information as I have I think it is conclusively proven that the foreign farmer pays more for a similar implement than does the Canadian farmer.

Mr. WARD: In conversation with a man who has just returned from Germany he informed me that the manufacturers in Germany are making a machine identically similar to one we are using in Canada and it is being sold for very much less than the price at which it is sold in this country. He went so far as to say that if it were not for trade restriction this machine could be exported from Germany and sold at 30 per cent less than the price in Canada today. This information comes to me from a very reliable source, from a man who has spent considerable time in Europe, and I take it as indicating that there are countries in Europe manufacturing machinery comparable with our Canadian machine which he states can be delivered at a lower price here than that at which we are able to buy them. It seems to me that that is something worth investigating, for after all it was my intention and I believe some of the other members of this committee thought also that we should give some consideration

[Mr. Walter Macdonald.]