

cents; in 1961-62 it was 41 cents; in 1960-61 there was a ten cent interim and a 29½ cent final, so that was 39½ cents. When you go back over the years I think our request of 25 cents is quite reasonable. Looking ahead to the forecast the wheat board is making regarding its sales, I think the request is quite reasonable. Frankly, what we are recommending is that it be, in fact, an increase in the initial payment and not an interim payment sometime during the course of the period.

We recognize, Mr. Schreyer, that this is not going to change the cost price squeeze in agriculture, and I would not want you to have the idea that these are the only things we think need to be done in agriculture. I said at the outset that I was covering only some of the things we think ought to be done—the ones that need to be done right now and can be done right now.

The CHAIRMAN: I would remind the members that we have had a lengthy discussion with Mr. Molgat and that we asked the Board of Grain Commissioners to stay here. I do not think we are being very fair to them by keeping them here to this late hour. I do not know how long the questioning will take. There were several members who intimated they wanted to question the Board of Grain Commissioners. Do you want to continue questioning Mr. Molgat at this time or not? I do not think we should.

Mr. SCHREYER: Mr. Chairman, I am finished with my questioning.

The CHAIRMAN: I have two members left on my list, Mr. Crossman and Mr. Ricard.

Mr. CROSSMAN: I will be very brief.

Mr. RICARD: I will be very brief, too.

The CHAIRMAN: I have heard these brief questions before; they had better be brief.

Mr. CROSSMAN: Mr. Chairman, I wish to second the opening remarks of Mr. Berger to Mr. Molgat. Referring to paragraph 3 on page 2, you say there are difficulties arising out of labour shortage and high prices of land. I would like you to give me a recipe so I could create the same situation in my own county in New Brunswick.

Mr. MOLGAT: I am sorry, Mr. Crossman. I do not know the recipe but I can tell you there is a considerable pressure for land, certainly in the province of Manitoba at this time and the prices are high.

Mr. CROSSMAN: Which would be much desired in my part of the country.

Mr. RICARD: Mr. Molgat, on page 1 of your brief you admit a certain number of farmers earn very interesting amounts of money, whereas another great number of growers get less than the minimum wage. What do you consider a minimum wage and how many farmers would be earning less than the minimum wage?

Mr. MOLGAT: I cannot really tell you at this time, Mr. Ricard, how many are earning less. The minimum wage in the province of Manitoba right now is \$1 an hour. There are many farmers that do not earn \$1 an hour in the province of Manitoba. We have still large areas in this province of marginal land with very small growers upon it. I know that for people outside the province of Manitoba