

Wheat Board. They have fellows coming from as far as Brandon. But these are little fellows. 43 per cent of them are under \$1,000. How do you expect a man who is under \$1,000 to send a delegate back here? The Wheat Board draws \$20,000 to \$30,000, yet they get their expenses paid when they come before this committee. Let us be fair about it.

Mr. WARD: Mr. Chairman, I think the members are all pretty well qualified to defend the interests of the mail couriers. I do not think we need any of the other fellows here at all.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: Well, I do!

Mr. CARDIFF: After the thing is all settled, you may get a lot of complaints?

Mr. ROBERTSON: Why not let the steering committee settle it and report back?

Mr. CARDIFF: You may get a lot of complaints coming back saying: "Why did you not call us in?"

Mr. LANGLOIS: I think the views of the Association were very well and clearly expressed in a letter which was sent last fall; if I remember correctly, it was sent to every Member of Parliament. We all got one. I know I got mine, anyway. It was signed by a Mr. Webster and their views were very clearly expressed in that letter.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: I move that the provincial association of rural couriers be invited to send a representative before this committee.

Mr. CARDIFF: I second the motion.

Mr. ROBERTSON: I move in amendment that this matter be considered by the steering committee who could then report back, and a decision could be taken.

Mr. McCULLOCH: I second the motion.

The CHAIRMAN: There are two motions. It is moved by Mr. Cruickshank and seconded by Mr. Cardiff that the provincial association of mail couriers be invited to send a representative before the committee; and it is moved in amendment by Mr. Robertson and seconded by Mr. McCulloch that the steering committee consider the question and report back to the main committee. The amendment will come first.

Mr. CARDIFF: Mr. Chairman, there are more members here than there are members of the steering committee and I do not see any reason why it should have to go before the steering committee.

Mr. LANGLOIS: The main committee can always reverse a decision of the steering committee.

Mr. MONTGOMERY: I am quite in favour of this association appearing here, but apparently it is confined to Ontario.

Mr. CARDIFF: No, no. It is not confined to Ontario.

Mr. MONTGOMERY: If there are associations in the maritime provinces, perhaps they would like an opportunity to come as well. But the more you consider the discussion this morning and the pointed questions I have put in the discussion, personally I am quite satisfied with the department and with what is set up in this bill, having in mind the interests, the financial interests, of these rural mail couriers; and I am beginning to come to the opinion that, regardless of who we hear, unless they have got an alternative method, then I think it is very safe. We are leaving the increasing of the remuneration in the hands of very safe people, I cannot help but feel that. You may have the idea that I was opposing it, but I certainly was not. I wanted to get information. I want to see these people get fairly paid; and I believe that unless we can get representatives from all over Canada from these mail couriers, the department will see that they get fairly dealt with, and that maybe hearing one or