

Dr. BARTON: No, I should say it is not true.

Hon. Mr. BURNS: They are paying eight cents for hogs.

Hon. Mr. RILEY: I know, but I have heard it said that our hogs here should not sell for more than four and a half cents a pound if the Old Country market governs the price.

Dr. BARTON: I would say our price at the present time is definitely related to the Old Country market.

Hon. Mr. BURNS: If the price went up to not over six cents a pound, then conditions would improve in the West.

Hon. Mr. SHARPE: You mean British breeders control this market?

Dr. BARTON: Yes, certainly, Great Britain is buying less bacon from Denmark and Germany, and other countries.

Hon. Mr. RILEY: We cannot dictate the policy of the Old Country.

Hon. Mr. BURNS: No, but they can in Europe.

Hon. Mr. HORNER: The grading of hogs was intended to help the producer, but it has helped the packers.

The CHAIRMAN: The grading of our hogs has greatly improved the quality on the market.

Hon. Mr. SHARPE: I think Senator Horner is absolutely right.

Hon. Mr. BURNS: Oh, no, he is not. That is one of the best things the Government ever did for the farmers. They come in with their hogs, and the Government men set the grade.

Hon. Mr. HORNER: Who sets the price?

Hon. Mr. BURNS: The packers.

Dr. BARTON: I think this is a fair statement to make: the grading system has been one of the big factors in the improvement of the hogs in this country. If we did not have the hogs as we have them now, our position in the Old Country would be seriously jeopardized.

Hon. Mr. BURNS: There would be a greater improvement in hogs if the farmers were assured of a market. I must say that the Government is doing a lot to help the farmers get the right kind of hogs.

Dr. BARTON: We think that hogs are improving in quality very rapidly at the present time.

Hon. Mr. BUCHANAN: What type of hog is required in England for the best bacon?

Dr. BARTON: Well, the Yorkshire hog is the hog that we are pinning our faith to here.

Hon. Mr. BUCHANAN: But what do they look for in the British market?

Dr. BARTON: Well, the Wiltshire bacon, and that calls for a certain type of hog. It demands length, and a hog that will finish a certain amount of fat at a good weight, and with the loin and ham of such a type and conformation as will dress up with a minimum amount of waste.

Hon. Mr. BUCHANAN: To what extent are we able to meet that demand at the present time?

Dr. BARTON: In Eastern Canada, in Ontario, a large percentage of our hogs will meet that demand. In the West we are in a transition stage just now, but the condition is improving very rapidly and there will be a big improvement this year. We have got practically one breed accepted throughout Canada, the Yorkshire. I think that in the West they will have problems with regard to what I call hog practice, because the type is one thing and the development of the pig is another. There are people in the West who are producing first