

Mr. VALLANCE: Mr. Chairman, do not get away from the fact that the cost of inspecting a two-pound sample is just as much to us as the cost of inspecting a carload, less the cost of drawing the sample out of a car.

Mr. HETLAND: Just as expensive?

Mr. VALLANCE: Yes.

Mr. HETLAND: Why?

Mr. VALLANCE: The inspection work requires the same clerical assistance, and Mr. Dollery estimates that it costs his staff as much in labour to get out the reports.

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Q. It is an expense?—A. Yes.

Q. Why?—A. The same clerical work, the same inspectional work. Mr. Dollery can tell you that it costs his staff as much in time and labour to inspect a two-pound sample as it does a sample drawn from a carload for which we get \$2. It is \$1 there because he pays for the cost of sampling there. In this case we do not need the sample so we pay the cost at \$1.

The CHAIRMAN: Any other questions on inspection of grain.

Mr. HETLAND: I have one. Now Mr. Vallance—I think I might be wrong in this—but I got the impression that he thought that taking the overages from the country elevators would not work out. Is that what you said?

Mr. VALLANCE: No, I do not know. I have an open mind as to what we can do with the overages in a country elevator but as it now stands we have no power to take the overages in a country elevator.

Mr. FAIR: That is all right. An amendment could be possibly put to this legislation to take these overages.

Mr. VALLANCE: I am not here to suggest to your committee just what amendments are necessary to bring home what you desire. I would rather suspect, Mr. Chairman, if I have any knowledge at all of parliamentary committees, that from the evidence submitted the committee will arrive at decisions or conclusions from which they will make recommendations to the minister for amendments to the Canada Grain Act.

Now, as was pointed out to you this morning, section 138 cannot apply in a country elevator. We might as well get that out and what would have to be done would be some method devised now that is not in the Act which would permit us, if it is desirable, it should be done, to take these overages from the country elevators.

Right Hon. Mr. HOWE: I might say the department looked at the situation pretty thoroughly. We thought when we started it would be easy to do what you suggest. The more we studied the problem the more pitfalls we found. We have come strongly to the conclusion that a regulation of that kind is something which I do not think this committee would want to go into today. If they want to study it next year and hear evidence on it, it might be worth doing but strangely enough there was not any particular resistance in the trade towards the idea. The trade is just as anxious to have this service as we are.

Mr. HETLAND: Would it be possible to get some of these pitfalls before the committee sometime so we would know why it would not work?

Right Hon. Mr. HOWE: I think certain briefs could be presented now but I do not think we would have time to go into the question. If it were on the agenda for the next session we could expect to have more time. The Saskatchewan elections took so many members away it delayed the Committee four or five weeks this year.