

Q. When I say you I mean those you represent. They contend now that the standards to-day are not as high as they used to be; is that so?—A. That is what they say.

Q. And would you say that Garnet wheat is responsible, at least to some extent responsible, for that condition?—A. I could not answer that. I am sorry.

Q. That is the question we would like to decide here. What you can definitely state is that they do not like the inclusion of Garnet in our regular grades, and if you can conclude from that anything I think that would be sufficient.

Mr. CARMICHAEL: What would be the controlling consideration in that statement you made there that 62 per cent of 2 Northern was purchased in 1932, 19 per cent in 1933 and none at all in 1934? What is the chief contributing factor that decided you to drop out of 2 Northern entirely this past year? You are a purchaser of the wheat and you stopped buying 2 Northern completely?

Mr. SMITH: Would the comparative prices paid in other countries be a factor?

WITNESS: Yes.

Mr. CARMICHAEL: What I was wondering was why taking the period of the last three years you told us that in 1932 you purchased 62 per cent of 2 Northern from Canada, in 1933 you purchased 19 per cent and in 1934 you did not purchase anything—I was wondering what you would consider the chief factor that decided you to drop number 2 out of your purchases from Canada?

WITNESS: Well, the year is comparatively young as far as 1934 is concerned, and there has not been very much 2 Northern available at the winter ports, so we were buying 1 Northern at the Atlantic ports.

Mr. PERLEY: Do you give a preference to 2 Northern at the Atlantic over 2 Northern at the Pacific?

WITNESS: Not any more than anyone else, but you could not tell by the price relation between one and the other as to why 2 Northern is preferred out of the Atlantic than out of the Pacific. There is a definite spread between one and the other irrespective of the spread between 1 Northern out of the Atlantic and the Pacific. There is a wider spread, I submit, between the 2 Northern than number 1.

*By Mr. Vallance:*

Q. Have you purchased more number 1 this year in percentages than you usually do up to this time?—A. You are asking if I have purchased more wheat this year than last year?

Q. Yes.—A. No, I have not.

Q. Have you purchased more number 1 up to this period than you did last year or the year before?—A. No.

Mr. LUCAS: Have you got the percentages of purchases for 1931, 1932, 1933 and 1934 for number 1 Northern?

WITNESS: No, I have not.

Hon. Mr. MOTHERWELL: May I ask what is the complaint against number 2 Pacific, because it is lower in value, you say, and we have had that complaint for many years. Sometimes it is the other way about. But when you have had the option of buying number 2 Atlantic why didn't you do it? Nobody is forcing you to buy number 2 Pacific; you could buy number 2 Atlantic and a whole lot of other grades?

The WITNESS: Mr. Chairman, I really believe it is the variable content of Manitoba 2 Northern that causes it.