

Q. They took advantage of it very seriously last year. It was just a little black spot on the end of the kernel, and in grading our wheat the elevator men would simply point out the black spot and reduce our grade.—A. Very frequently that condition which you describe is not due to glume rot, but is due to bad weather conditions. Wheat wet in the stook often shows a black tip, and that naturally would result in degrading the wheat.

Mr. SALES: Have you considered, Dr. Grisdale, recommending to the Minister anything for this rust research work?

Dr. GRISDALE (Deputy Minister of Agriculture): The question of expenditure for this research work has been up before the Minister many times, and there is money in the estimates now that can be diverted to that purpose.

Mr. SALES: How much?

Dr. GRISDALE: Not the amount that Mr. Güssow mentioned, but enough to do all the work that can be done this year.

Mr. SALES: Do you know how much?

Dr. GRISDALE: About 25 or 30 thousand dollars.

Mr. GOULD: I make a motion that this Committee recommends that a sum be given by Council for the work that Mr. Güssow has outlined this morning, that is the research work.

Mr. LOVIE: I would second that motion.

Mr. GOULD: I would say I would make a recommendation for \$50,000 for the work Mr. Güssow has outlined as a recommendation of this Committee.

Dr. GRISDALE: I suggested that amount because I think it is the amount we require this year, because the Minister is in favour of it.

The CHAIRMAN: Do you wish that to be reported to the House?

Mr. GOULD: Yes, I would make that as a report to the House from this Committee.

The CHAIRMAN: I am not sure as to the rules. We will pass the motion. I will find out if we have the right to present it to the House. We will suggest it anyway.

It was moved by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Lovie, that this Committee recommend to the House an appropriation of \$50,000 for the purpose of special aid in research work in connection with grain rust.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. SALES: I would move that these reports be printed.

Mr. GOULD: I second that.

Motion agreed to.

By the Chairma:

Q. I was going to ask you about the elimination of the barberry. Are not the nurseries allowed to propagate barberries and distribute them?—A. No sir, not in the West. That is against the law.

By Mr. Sales:

Q. Is there a fine for men peddling out barberry bushes now?—A. Yes, as far as Western Canada is concerned, if barberry is planted against definite instruction. We advise people to plant any other shrub—in fact, there is another barberry which is known as “Thunbergs barberry”, which is more beautiful and which does not carry the rust; this shrub might be planted any time at any place where the rust barberry would ordinarily be planted.