

Mr. ROBINSON: I would just point out that those who are representing the Council of Agriculture were instructed to press for a certain thing, the re-establishment of the Wheat Board to handle the 1922 crop.

Mr. SUTHERLAND: Will you not give us your personal view?

Mr. ROBINSON: My personal view has been expressed. In my opinion it requires a year's operation when the price may be expected to go down as well operation for a year when the prices were going up. Many of the farmers would say that it was a terrible mistake not to give them a trial of handling the grain when it was going down. We wish to give the Wheat Board a fair trial before saying whether we should dispense with it altogether or whether we should ask for it permanently. We should have at least another year's experience.

Hon. Mr. ROBB: Does that mean that you anticipate a declining market this year?

Mr. ROBINSON: No, not necessarily, but it did apply to the possibility when the Wheat Board was relieved from its position. No one expected—at least I do not know of any farmer who expected—that the price which prevailed during the year when the Wheat Board was in operation would continue. They expected some lowering of the price, but I want to say frankly that they never contemplated they never expected the very material slump that took place under the open market.

The Committee adjourned until Friday, April 7, at 11 o'clock a.m.