

country. I made the statement at the last meeting of the committee that it was the largest quantity, I thought, except in one year, but upon checking up the reports of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics I find that during the crop year 1932-33 the United Kingdom imported 103,000,000 bushels, and the comment is that it was the largest importation of that country and about one-half of the total imports of the United Kingdom.

Then, I would also ask the indulgence of the committee if we have an opportunity—and I hope I will have the opportunity to examine a witness in respect to this letter—I would also like the C.W.S. Limited to file an answer to five questions I would like to ask, which I think will at least assist me in coming to some reasonable conclusion on this matter, and the questions are as follows:

1. Total imports from all countries, by countries, by the C.W.S. Limited during each of the Canadian crop years, ending July 31, for crop years 1929-30 to 1932-33 inclusive.

The CHAIRMAN: Now, Mr. Davies, there is a question arises there. I do not know that we have any power to extract that evidence if they do not want to give it, because, after all, they are a British company and not a Canadian company. However, if they will give it well and good.

Mr. DAVIES: I would like to ask these questions anyway:—

2. The above mentioned figures for each country showing imports separated into grades;

3. The figures referred to in number 2 above in so far as Canada is concerned, indicating quantities of each grade ex Atlantic and ex Pacific ports;

4. Amount of purchases of U.K. wheat crop, by Canadian crop years, for crop years 1929-30 to 1932-33 inclusive.

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5. Quantities of flour, if any, milled by C.W.S. Limited mills during each of crop years referred to in number 1, which flour was exported.

For myself, when I have an answer to these questions I will have a very clear indication of where they have been buying their wheat, what they have been doing with it, and the mixes they have been using; and it will certainly assist me very materially in coming to a proper conclusion on this subject.

The CHAIRMAN: Is it the wish of the committee that these questions be submitted to this company? I may say that we will have to ask for the information, and it may not be forthcoming.

Mr. BROWN: Does that mean that Mr. Davies wants to get these answers from the old country, and that this matter will be held up until he does?

Mr. DAVIES: If they have to come from the old country. They might come by wire. I would like to have them very much. I would like to remind this committee that the separate grading of Garnet wheat—assuming that it leads to a drop in the price of 5 cents a bushel, and it has been suggested that the drop is anywhere from 3 cents to 8 cents—means a loss of \$2,300,000 to the grower of Garnet and the northern parts of the prairie provinces, and I think that this committee can assume that they have in their hands a matter which means the loss of that much money to those growers; and remember that it comes out of the pockets of the growers and most likely goes into the pockets of the millers.

The CHAIRMAN: I am not finding fault with the questions propounded by Mr. Davies, further than I do not know whether he can get them answered. We can submit them, and if they answer them, well and good.