

Hon. Mr. MOTHERWELL: Well, I read it two years ago; I have read it so often I got tired reading it, and the anti-Garnet men tired of hearing it read. You have had a good deal of experience, or some of your men have had in operating elevators, and these men say that if you could get this type of wheat blended in the proper proportion it would be all right; the testimony of other chemists and millers is to the effect that it should be around 25 per cent to 30 per cent, and that Garnet would blend with Marquis and make a better flour than either of them separately. We talk about distribution. That has come up this session in the House quite frequently. Is it impossible to get this wheat so blended with the other wheats that each would benefit the other? A wheat that can make Marquis better milling wheat than it is alone is no slouch of a wheat, and that is what it says here that it will make a more satisfactory flour when blended with Marquis than Marquis alone. Then he goes on to say:—

We have already too much Durum wheat under cultivation.

He is a real tight rope walker this gentleman.

This wheat, like Garnet, has a high degree of fermentability, low dough strength and resilience, and a strong yellow colour.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN: Mr. Motherwell, if you will pardon me interrupting, we have Mr. Ramsay with us and we would like to hear from him before we adjourn.

Hon. Mr. MOTHERWELL: All right, Mr. Chairman. We are going to have a sitting to-morrow and I would like to take advantage of that to ask Mr. Brouillette one or two questions.

Witness retired.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we have Mr. Ramsay, Chairman of the Board of Grain Commissioners, here to-day. Is it your pleasure to hear him now?

E. B. RAMSAY, called.

*By the Acting Chairman:*

Q. Will you state what position you hold, Mr. Ramsay?—A. Chairman, Board of Grain Commissioners.

Q. Have you any statement prepared, Mr. Ramsay?—A. No.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, Mr. Ramsay has not prepared any brief but he is quite willing to answer any questions you may put to him.

The WITNESS: Perhaps I might just mention, our Board is more interested in the mechanics of the operation than any other phase perhaps, although our connection with the Grain Standards Board who are responsible for the grades makes the result of your work quite definite. I got more information, perhaps, in a general way, when in Europe eighteen months ago than in any other way. Every miller I found had different ideas; they are not particularly interested in our ideas. They said to me: Manitoba Northern wheat has been shipped under what you might call a trade name, and when we buy Manitoba Northern we expect to get that type of wheat; now you are selling this new wheat and we do not like it, we do not get good results in the mills from it and we feel that you are selling us something under false pretences.

*By Hon. Mr. Weir:*

Q. Is that the Continental miller?—A. Both Continental and the United Kingdom. The Continent was not so particularly strong on Garnet wheat; in fact a good many millers did not know what Garnet wheat was, and for that reason, a certain amount of discretion had to be used in discussing the question