

Would that be necessary in anything excepting tough or damp wheat?—A. I think so.

Q. That is taking the straight grades, you think it would still be necessary to make a moisture test?—A. I would say so. I do not think the question of its being more or less tough would come to it. It is a question of what would come into that particular wheat, whether it is 8 per cent or 12 per cent.

Q. You do not think the difficulties are insurmountable?—A. I do not think anything is impossible.

Q. I mean within reason. It boils down to the question of whether it would warrant the expense?—A. Exactly. It is a matter of importance to the people whether you are going to make money for the farmers or not.

*By the Acting Chairman:*

Q. You expressed the opinion that you do not think the aggregate price would be raised?—A. I think that would be a question in my mind—whether you would gain more than you lose.

Q. Even if the aggregate price were not raised, do you think it would raise to the degree equitable to the entire crop?—A. My point is that the farmer is satisfied with the present grading system. All he is disturbed about is the obtaining of a proper grade under the present conditions. Generally speaking, the protein test does not make much appeal to the farmer, probably because he has not sufficient information on it.

*By Mr. Coote:*

Q. Why do you object to Huron, Stanley and Preston wheat?—A. Because they would not sell for as much as Marquis.

Q. Why?—A. They do not have the quality of flour, or the volume of protein.

Q. Is it because they are lacking in protein?—A. Not necessarily. It may be the quality of the flour they produce.

*By Mr. Donnelly:*

Q. They cannot tell what that is until they bake it?—A. No.

Q. According to Mr. Newman it is impossible for these inspectors to tell the varieties. Mr. Newman says:

Is it easy to pick out Kota wheat from the other varieties?—

A. No, I would not say it is a very easy thing.

Q. The variety cannot be determined with any degree of accuracy except by growing?—A. No.

Q. If the inspector cannot determine the variety he cannot determine the value?—A. No.

Q. Do you think it is always possible for the inspectors to detect this Kharkov from the common spring wheats?—A. I do not think so.

So his opinion is that the inspectors cannot tell the different varieties of wheat?—A. Mr. Steele is an inspector and can probably give you more first-hand information.

Mr. STEELE: He covers too much territory. It is not always possible, perhaps, but is always feasible, but to take one kernel out of a thousand and say what variety it is is practically impossible. You can, in practically every case, pick out the softer varieties; it does not matter what the variety is, but you can determine if it is one of the varieties.

Mr. DONNELLY: I am very sure there was a great number of them marked in that way.

[Mr. E. B. Ramsay]