

Garnet affecting milling outturns and giving uncertainty as to the strength of their flour. Our millers have verbally expressed themselves as dissatisfied—the promises made two or three years ago by investigators from Canada have not been lived up to. This has not helped the marketing of Canadian wheats, irrespective of grades.

The CHAIRMAN: What promises were made?

The WITNESS: I understand that there were certain representatives from Canada who visited England and interviewed some of the flour mills on the other side and made certain promises in regard to improving the quality of wheat.

Hon. Mr. WEIR: You say it lowers the standard of our Manitoba Northern; does that include 1 and 2?

The WITNESS: All Manitoba wheat.

Hon. Mr. MOTHERWELL: That applies to all grades?

The WITNESS: Every one.

Hon. Mr. MOTHERWELL: Has the quality ever been any higher than it was the last few years?

The WITNESS: I can only be guided, Mr. Chairman, by the reports we have received from the other side, and they would like to have our standards raised to what they seem to think they were getting in years gone by.

Mr. STIRLING: Who were these Canadian representatives?

The CHAIRMAN: The Canadian representatives who made the promises.

The WITNESS: Mr. Chairman, I cannot answer that.

Mr. VALLANCE: I wonder if either the ex-Minister of Agriculture or the present Minister has any knowledge of who they were and at what time they went? Has the Board of Grain Commissioners any knowledge of any such body going over?

Mr. HAMILTON: Mr. Chairman, I do not know what representatives are referred to, but the chairman of the board, Mr. Ramsay, and the secretary did visit the Old Country and the continent in the fall of 1932.

The CHAIRMAN: I believe, gentlemen, that I am guilty of starting this discussion; but I believe it would be wiser to let Mr. Jackson make his statement. I promise not to offend again.

The WITNESS: Reports we have received regarding outturn of Pacific shipments, indicate an extremely heavy percentage of Garnet in 2 Northern—much more so than 2 Northern out of Fort William. Our policy, gentlemen, is the exclusion of Garnet from regular grades of Manitoba wheat. That is my statement.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions?

*By Hon. Mr. Weir:*

Q. In that connection, Mr. Jackson, I understood you to say that you did not find number 2 to be as good a quality from Vancouver as from Fort William, and yet the records show that for twelve months in succession over a period of two crops the spread between number 1 and number 2 in Vancouver is less than between number 1 and number 2 at Fort William, with more Garnet in the Vancouver number 2 than in the Fort William number 2. How do you account for that? Taking it over a period of twelve months in succession and dealing with two crop years the spread between number 1 and number 2 in Vancouver has been less—that is the average spread—than at Fort William. Now, if you are prejudiced against Garnet for reasons that you do not think it is as good a wheat as it is when mixed, how would you account for that? That is a long period and it deals with two crop years; and your estimate of the value of wheat is the