

*By Mr. Harkness:*

Q. When you said that some of the provinces had achieved 100 per cent of their five-bushel quotas that means the estimated amount of wheat that you think should make up the five-bushel quota has been delivered there and it does not mean that every individual farmer has delivered his quota?—A. Yes, it does.

Q. What about the situation which I know prevails in a certain number of points—and about which I know personally—where certain farmers have not been able to deliver it because their grade of wheat was one for which there was no room in the elevator. For instance, the elevators could take No. 3 but could not take No. 2 because the space was all taken up and the bins were apparently filled with No. 2 although they could take in some No. 3 wheat, and so on?

The WITNESS: Where is that, Mr. Harkness, is that in Alberta, may I ask?

Mr. HARKNESS: There are two or three points just south of Calgary.

Right Hon. Mr. HOWE: Those are the non-resident farmers, are they not?

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Q. I think most of them are farming the land there.—A. Mr. Harkness, I had a letter from Brant, Alberta, the other day, which touched on that subject. You know Brant, south of Calgary.

Q. Oh, yes.—A. Although the man was complaining that he could not deliver this grade of wheat, the situation was that although there was space at the point, he wanted it delivered at one elevator and that particular elevator could not take in that particular grade. The following day I had another letter from him saying that some cars had gone into that point and he was able to deliver his wheat to that elevator. That may be the case he talked about.

Q. I heard these complaints along that line, that people had a certain grade and they were told that if they didn't have a certain grade they could not deliver the wheat they had.—A. Is that the Macleod line?

Q. Yes.—A. We have not run into those complaints, other than this.

Q. Generally speaking, when you say that the 5 bushel quota has been delivered, it means that every farmer has delivered his 5 bushels?—A. That is right.

Mr. ARGUE: If we are on complaints, I wonder if the chairman heard anything from Minton, Saskatchewan, about farmers that drove their loaded trucks to the elevator, according to the Regina Leader-Post, on the 22nd day of December, and left the trucks there. They were not able to unload them on that day, and they decided to leave them there until they could be unloaded, and as of two weeks tomorrow the trucks were still there with the wheat in them.

The WITNESS: I must say that I have heard a good deal about Minton, Saskatchewan. What is the situation there? It was not quite as bad as the newspapers made out.

Mr. ARGUE: It was on the front page of the Regina Leader-Post, with pictures.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: How does your transport controller work? How do you allocate the amounts and arrange for the deliveries? Do you specify Saskatchewan or any particular point?

Mr. RIDDEL: When we wish to ship specific grades of wheat to the lake-head, we place orders with the company in proportion to the stocks or in proportion to the number of elevators in the locality. We ask the companies to submit to us a list of the stations from which they intend to ship, giving first preference to stations with less than 70 per cent of the 5 bushel quota delivered,