

The Chairman. What does he say?

Mr. George. Well, we don't get any satisfaction from him. He seems to think the plan is to keep them moving about. Especially when we have some big work in the summer time and not many boys, I would go to him and make a real complaint and tell him we would have to have more.

The Chairman. Most of the boys you had last year you have already said are on farms?

Mr. George. Yes, sir.

TESTIMONY OF R. C. RENNEKER.

The witness was duly sworn by the Chairman.

The Chairman. Do you run the bake shop for the school?

Mr. Renneker. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. In connection ~~to~~ with that do you do any work in instructing the pupils?

Mr. Renneker. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Has the shop capacity enough to make enough bread to supply the school?

Mr. Renneker. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. How much bread do you make daily?

Mr. Renneker. Well, it runs different. Some days I could average about a thousand loaves a day, and other days about fifteen hundred to sixteen hundred a day. Last week I had two days that it ran fifteen hundred or sixteen hundred, and the other days a thousand loaves, but this ~~wxxk~~ it ran three days fifteen hundred. I can bake more. It is just as easy to bake more.

The Chairman. Do you bake the amount you are instructed to bake, or do you —

Mr. Renneker. That is the thing. I generally do the best that I know how. I figure on so many pounds of bread, or so many loaves to a meal.

The Chairman. Who determines how many loaves shall be baked for a meal?

Mr. Renneker. We run it this way. One day last week the dining room matron — she will say, "We had bread left over for dinner." The next day it may be they will be a way short. It is hard to regulate.

The Chairman. Are you not furnished a regular ration to bake and prepare for the tables?

Mr. Renneker. Well, they are telling me right along that I am running over on the flour. So I estimate one day what I should do. He says, "You are only supposed to use 600 and some a day." Well, they were kicking for more bread, and I was trying to go along the best I knew how.

The Chairman. There was great complaint?

Mr. Renneker. Oh, yes; there was complaint about the bread, and yet I was still issuing more. And then when I would hand my report in they would say, "I don't know what we will do. You are going over your allowance." Last month it ran, I guess, 300 pounds over the allowance.

The Chairman. On the one hand the pupils were complaining greatly that they were not getting enough bread, and on the other hand the quartermaster was complaining that you were consuming too much? I suppose it is needless to ask you if you were baking all the flour you were consuming?

Mr. Renneker. Oh, yes, sir; I was cooking ~~2500~~ ^{from} 700 pounds a day, to 1100 pounds a day. I averaged some days 1100 pounds.

This week I averaged three days 700 pounds.

The Chairman. What caused you to bake more recently?

Mr. Renneker. The dining room matron said Mr. Linnen said they were not getting enough bread and they should have more. So I said, "We will give them all they can eat." I don't know what to do.

Senator Lane. Haven't you got a regular ration of bread?

Mr. Renneker. Just the allowance of flour.

Senator Lane. But you know definitely how many loaves that will make? You know how many slices it will cut?

Mr. Renneker. A barrel of flour will average 300 loaves. This flour is weak; it is county flour. It does not produce the bread that western flour does. Western flour produces maybe 310 to 312 or 315 loaves to a barrel. This runs sometimes not 300.

Senator Lane. It is short on gluten?

Mr. Renneker. Yes, it is all in the gluten.

The Chairman. What else do you bake besides bread?

Mr. Renneker. Now, I bake ginger bread, corn bread, and pies.

The Chairman. How long have you been doing that?

Mr. Renneker. That I have been doing all along, and rolls. I always baked rolls until about January. The quartermaster said to give them rolls, but it does not seem to make any effect on the bread. It seems to me to take just as much bread. They seem to carry them out in their pockets. So he said, "Don't make any more rolls until we catch up with the flour." Well, I have been catching up, and I have not made any yet. We made rolls on Wednesday, corn bread on Thursday, ginger

bread on Friday, and pies on Saturday.

The Chairman. How many pies do you make on Saturday?

Mr. Renneker. Today I made 155.

The Chairman. Is that the regular number you have been making?

Mr. Renneker. 150 I was running.

The Chairman. What kind of pies were those?

Mr. Renneker. Today I made plum pie.

The Chairman. I think I can testify that they were very good. Would 150 pies go around to the pupils and employees?

Mr. Renneker. Just the students.

The Chairman. How many students are there here?

Mr. Renneker. Now, I don't really know. I think 816.

The Chairman. 816 pupils. That would not make a slice around, would it?

Mr. Renneker. They are only figuring on 509, or something like that.

The Chairman. So they get pie once a week, ginger bread once a week, corn bread once a week?

Mr. Renneker. And rolls; they always did until January.

The Chairman. And the rest of the bread served is light bread?

Mr. Renneker. Yes, sir.

Senator Lane. Have you turned out any accomplished bakers, who have learned their trade from you?

Mr. Renneker. I tell you, the boys here cannot go quite far enough to go in a shop and run it. My boys, two of them, was here when I came, and they asked me to get them work, and I got both of them work in bake shops last summer, and the

summer before, and they are holding their jobs.

Representative Stephens. Have you heard any complaints, among the students about not having enough food to eat?

Mr. Renneker. Oh, lots of them.

Representative Stephens. For how many months or years?

Mr. Renneker. I have been here a year last May, and ever since I have been here I have heard them complain for more bread. My shop is not altogether sanitary for baking.

Representative Carter. What is your judgment? Do you think the boys were getting enough bread?

Mr. Renneker. I really don't know. The boys stick the bread in their pockets, maybe half of them, and the other half won't get the bread. They carry the bread out of the dining room, and there is where they run short of bread. The matron tells me if they would not carry that bread out of the dining room they probably would have enough to eat.

Senator Lane. How many students are there?

Mr. Renneker. Eating in the dining room? 560, they tell me.

Senator Lane. How many altogether?

Mr. Renneker. Really I couldn't say.

The Chairman. 816, somebody says.

Senator Lane. Where do the rest of them eat?

Mr. Renneker. At the hospital and the teachers' quarters.

The Chairman. Don't you bake bread for them?

Mr. Renneker. No. They get flour from me. They feed the students at the teachers' quarters, but I issue them flour, about 100 pounds a month. In January they got 100 pounds a month. I don't know how much they are allowed, but when the

quartermaster tells me to I give it to them.

Thereupon at 6:30 P.M. a recess was taken.

AFTER RECESS.

The Commission reassembled at 8:15 o'clock P.M., at the New Wellington Hotel, Carlisle, Pa.

TESTIMONY OF MISS VIRGINIA PENROSE.

The witness was duly sworn by the Chairman.

The Chairman. You reside in Carlisle?

Miss Penrose. Yes.

The Chairman. Are you acquainted with Superintendent Friedman?

Miss Penrose. I am.

The Chairman. Are you familiar with conditions existing at the Carlisle school?

Miss Penrose. I am.

The Chairman. Do you know the present conditions in the school with reference to discipline? Are you in the habit of visiting the school?

Miss Penrose. Oh, yes. I go out quite often. We have guests staying with us, and it is one of the things we have that we take them out to see. I was out there only last fall. I went through the kitchens. My guests and I went out there, and we went through the kitchens just before they served dinner, and my aunt made the remark how fortunate those men were to have such good food.

The Chairman. Were you in the dining room at the time the meals were being served?

Miss Penrose. We went through the kitchen before, and