

In Dispute Over Mill.

The blue sky commission of North Dakota is called upon to act as a Solomon in a squabble between Sharon and Aneta, over the ownership of a mill which is now located in Sharon, but which recently has been purchased by a company which proposes to move it to Aneta.

The mill was recently sold to the Sharon Mill Co., after the plant had been in operation about 15 years. The Sharon Mill Co., in turn, sold it to the Grain Growers' Co. of Aneta, which is incorporated for \$60,000. Sharonites claim they have been double-crossed; that they invested in stock of the Sharon Mill Co. under a misapprehension, and that Aneta or the Grain Growers' Co. or some person unknown, has slipped something over on them.

One thing positive which they do know is that they want their mill left where it is and not put on wheels and toted away over the prairie to Aneta. According to reports made to the capitol at Bismarck the Sharon mill has been appraised at about \$15,000. The Aneta company is said to have provided from its \$60,000 capital \$12,000 for promotion and \$14,000 for the moving of the mill, leaving \$34,000 for operating purposes. Sharonites are said to contend that the control of the Aneta and Sharon companies is invested in one head, who bought the Sharon mill and then sold it to his new company, and that somewhere along the line Sharon has been left out of consideration.

The squabble was to have been threshed out before the blue sky board last Friday, but the parties concerned were not ready, and the hearing has gone over for a week.