

Agricultural Products Act

That is a complete change from the encouragement which was given only a few years ago. Still, the producer in British Columbia has difficulty in selling his eggs to the continental United States. It is my understanding that export permits still have to be obtained for eggs to be exported to the United States. I believe those export permits are given according to the percentage of the quota supplied by any particular producer.

The minister is again reported as saying that he sees no immediate likelihood of any change being made in the price of food. Quite obviously there is some reason for the concern which the poultrymen of British Columbia now have over the future. I do not think I am exaggerating if I say I think it is a sad state of affairs that we cannot distribute our goods to satisfy the needs of the people of the world. The reason seems to be that we are beset with quotas, licences, prohibitions and embargoes which hinder the free distribution of goods. There is also the monetary difficulty which now hampers production and distribution of our raw materials. This could be removed. It seems to me the sooner the government realize they cannot legislate or regiment Canada into an era of prosperity, the better it will be.

Mr. Gardiner: May I ask the date of the newspaper article in the *Daily Province*?

Mr. Pearkes: May I send it over to you? I find I have not the date on the article.

I should like to continue from the point I left off when interrupted by the minister. If the poultrymen of British Columbia are to be able to cover the overhead on their investment in trying to meet these requests of the department for increased production, then it is essential that production be maintained. I should like to put on the record what I think might be described as the average return which might be received from a first-class flock of hens. It will be a conservative estimate. Let us assume that a hen produces about \$6.10 worth of eggs during the year. Feed in British Columbia for a hen that would produce eggs to that value would cost approximately \$5.10, which would leave a margin of seventy cents to cover expenses and profit.

On motion of Mr. Pearkes the debate was adjourned.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Smith (Calgary West): May I say that I asked the Prime Minister if he would let us go on Friday evenings at six o'clock. I

now change that request to ask if we could go tonight at six o'clock. We have made a great deal of progress this week and I wonder whether whoever is leading the house would consider adjourning now until Monday.

Mr. Fournier (Hull): I was informed this afternoon that there was some objection to adjourning at six o'clock. We would need the unanimous consent of the house to do so, and the government is prepared to accede if there are no objections.

Some hon. Members: Carried.

Mr. Fournier (Hull): Well then, we will adjourn.

Mr. Graydon: What will be the business on Monday?

Mr. Fournier (Hull): On Monday we will first take up the resolution under government notices of motion relating to Newfoundland. The second order of business will be Bill No. 12, an act to amend the statute law. When that is completed, we will take up the resolution we were discussing this afternoon, and when that is completed, the emergency resolution.

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Speaker, on the question of the order of business, was it not understood that when we finally completed everything in relation to Newfoundland we would return to the debate on the address?

Mr. Fournier (Hull): Perhaps there was some misunderstanding. After consulting my colleagues, I was told that a motion was made for government notices of motion and government orders to precede other business until the 18th of February. It was for that reason I suggested this order.

Mr. Coldwell: The minister will remember that, when this was discussed with me, there was a definite assurance that we would return to the address as soon as the Newfoundland matter was disposed of. That was the understanding I gave to my friends and the understanding upon which we agreed to defer the debate on the address.

Mr. Howe: Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister will be in his seat on Monday. I suggest that Monday be devoted to the business that has been announced and that at that time a decision be made as to the business to follow.

Mr. Coldwell: So long as an attempt is made to clear up the matter.

On motion of Mr. Fournier (Hull) the house adjourned at six o'clock.