

regards the Irish Free State, an Order will be issued forthwith under the Agricultural Marketing Act, 1933, under which it is intended to limit the imports of fat cattle from the Irish Free State from now to the 31st March next to 50 per cent of the numbers imported in the corresponding period of 1932-33. As a complementary measure, it is also intended under the Order to limit the number of stores that may be imported from the Irish Free State. In terms of total cattle imports from that source, the reduction will be in the neighbourhood of 12½ per cent. The Order, also as a complementary measure, will prohibit the importation of beef and veal and beef and veal offals from the Irish Free State. (Imports into the United Kingdom from the Irish Free State in the three months January to March, 1933, were 46,148 head of fat cattle, 75,267 head of store cattle, and 895 hundredweight of fresh beef.)

Hon. Mr. BURNS: I did not think they shipped dressed beef at all.

Dr. BARTON: Yes, they do.

Hon. Mr. BURNS: The cattle that we ship at present do not amount to a drop in the bucket, as far as Great Britain is concerned. Suppose we shipped forty, fifty or sixty, thousand, it would not be enough to supply them for one day.

Dr. BARTON: It seems like a mere bagatelle.

Hon. Mr. BURNS: It would not be enough to supply the needs of about 45 million people for three meals. The same thing is true with regard to United States. Suppose we shipped 100,000 head there, that would not be enough to supply that country with one meal.

Hon. Mr. McGUIRE: Are they not importing live cattle from the Argentine now?

Dr. BARTON: No.

Hon. Mr. McGUIRE: The importations are from Ireland and from Canada only?

Dr. BARTON: Yes.

Hon. Mr. McGUIRE: And they are reducing the Irish importations by twelve and a half per cent. Is there any suggestion of increasing the importations from Canada correspondingly?

Dr. BARTON: No, not that I know of.

Hon. Mr. BURNS: It is the dressed meat that comes in from the other countries.

Dr. BARTON: The Argentine is the big competitor.

Hon. Mr. RILEY: The purpose of these restrictions is to raise the prices to their own producers?

Dr. BARTON: Yes.

Hon. Mr. HORNER: Have they taken meat from Australia?

Dr. BARTON: Yes.

Hon. Mr. HORNER: Mutton. Any live cattle?

Dr. BARTON: No.

Hon. Mr. BURNS: Do you keep track of the amount of corned beef that comes in here from the United States and other countries?

Dr. BARTON: Yes.

Hon. Mr. BURNS: The corned beef that comes in here amounts to about 40,000 or 50,000 cattle a year.

Dr. BARTON: It is quite an item, from the Argentine and from Australia.