were sent to Ottawa to be inspected might very well have been No. 2, and those not sent to Ottawa might have been No. 3 and No. 4. Unless the inspector had the opportunity of examining the lot, I do not think it would be considered to be a fair inspection.

As to the delay in the inspection of the oats, of course I have no knowledge.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: Does the honourable gentleman suggest that the owner, at his own expense, should have sent all the apples to Ottawa.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: The Government inspector should have gone there, and would have gone if he had been requested to do so.

Section 2 was agreed to.

On section 3—regulations:

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: The honourable member from De Salaberry (Hon. Mr. Béique) seemed to think there was no penalty attached to violation of these regulations.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE: On looking at the Bill again, I observe that there may be compulsory grading under paragraph a of section 6.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: There certainly is. There is a fine of $200.

Any person who—
(a) violates any provision of this Act or of any regulations made thereunder . . . shall be liable, upon summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars and not less than fifty dollars, or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding three months.

It is a pretty serious offence to contravene this Act when it once comes into force. We do not know what the regulations are going to be. We are giving a blank cheque to the Department of Agriculture; we are giving them authority to impose whatever regulations they may see fit, subject of course to control by the Governor in Council. But Parliament ought to have something to say about these matters, and it seems to me that Parliament is giving up its rights and its privileges when it presents a Department of the Government with a blank cheque such as this. We are imposing upon many people in this country a liability for a very heavy penalty.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: May I ask my honourable friend if he objects to a penalty being imposed upon any person who obliterates the grader's brand?

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: Oh, no, I am not saying that at all; that is all right.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: That is what is provided.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: Oh, but there is more than that. Under paragraph a of subsection 1, section 3:

The Governor in Council may make regulations (a) for the grading of dairy produce intended for export.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Yes.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: Well, if a man violates any of those regulations, if he does not have his stuff graded, he is subject to a fine.

Hon. Mr. DONNELLY: Or if he disobeys any future regulations.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: Or any future regulations that may be made—not necessarily the regulations that are outlined here, but any regulations.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: May I point out to my honourable friend that that is a very clear justification of the proposal of having the inspection at points of export, because the manufacturer of the cheese at the factory has no idea as to whether the cheese will be exported or used locally, and therefore it is quite proper that the person owning the cheese and exporting it should be the person to whom the law would apply.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: He has to buy a pig in a poke. He is going to buy cheese without knowing whether or not it will stand the inspection at the point of export. If he buys the cheese from the dealer and pays him for it, he becomes the owner of the property.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: I think it is customary, if I am not mistaken, to buy cheese by grades, and, if this system is in effect, it is then graded, and the producer is paid on that basis.

Hon. JOHN WEBSTER: If I understand the Minister aright, the cheese must be shipped to Montreal to get the grade certificate. The certificate is not given at the factory.

May I explain to the House how this inspection must be made? Suppose I ship a carload of cheese to Montreal, to the grader's store. They are all boxed up and coopered. How in the name of common sense is any grader, by taking a cheese here and a cheese there, and another a little farther on, going to be able to give