

how some man coming from England, with no experience at all, raised a splendid crop of wheat. That is quite possible; but it is more difficult to be a successful breeder of live stock. If you have the soil and the climate, and good seed properly sown, you can leave the crop to the rain and the sun and the gentle breezes of summer, and it will come to fruition without any care on your part; but live stock needs continual attention from the day of its birth until it is sold for a profit. Consequently you have to be more careful in mixed farming than in the raising of grain.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: And you have to do more work.

Hon. Mr. FORKE: More work. Why do farmers not like dairying? I do not know anyone who is in the business because he likes it. A dairy farmer has to attend to his cows fourteen times a week, regularly; there is a tremendous amount of work involved in seeing that the cattle are properly fed and cared for, and in the general running of the industry. But, I am glad to say, you will find milk cans at the railway stations all over Manitoba to-day. In other parts of the country many people do not seem to be aware of the great amount of mixed farming that is being carried on in that province, and of the revenue derived there from other farm products, which is equal to that from grain. In this respect Manitoba is in a better position than the other two prairie provinces. But the great problem at the present time is where to find markets. It may be possible to raise better live stock, but what can be done with it?

The present Government came into power after promising to provide markets for farmers in the West. I know that that promise was made in the course of speeches in Western Canada, but the Hon. the Minister of Labour (Hon. Mr. Robertson) has told us that the Government have not had time to do all they said they would. I am not speaking in any spirit of bitterness, but I want to say firmly that the Government have not done any single thing that will in any way help the farmers of the West. On the contrary, I can assure honourable senators that a great many farmers look upon some of the things that have been done as nothing more nor less than a slap in the face. In making such a statement I am not trying to play politics, but I am thinking solely of the welfare of the Western farmers.

Hon. Mr. LAIRD: Did the Government not denounce the Australian and New Zealand treaties and try to curtail the importation of butter?

Hon. Mr. FORKE: Butter is selling at 19 cents a pound in Winnipeg.

Hon. Mr. LAIRD: The honourable gentleman says he does not know of a single thing that the Government have done that has helped the farmers of the West. I am reminding him of what was done about Australian and New Zealand butter.

Hon. Mr. FORKE: But butter is selling at 19 cents a pound in Winnipeg now.

Hon. Mr. LAIRD: And the honourable gentleman knows that there are millions of pounds of Australian and New Zealand butter in storage in Canada to-day.

Hon. Mr. FORKE: I do not think there are.

Hon. Mr. LAIRD: The figures show that there are about 30 million pounds of Australian and New Zealand butter in Canada to-day.

Hon. Mr. FORKE: I do not think the farmers are worrying much about the competition of Australian butter at the present time.

Hon. Mr. SCHAFFNER: May I ask the honourable gentleman a question?

Hon. Mr. FORKE: Certainly.

Hon. Mr. SCHAFFNER: Is the honourable gentleman aware that since this Government put a duty of 8 cents a pound on New Zealand butter, the dairy industry in Alberta has increased 60 per cent?

Hon. Mr. TANNER: He never heard about that.

Hon. Mr. SCHAFFNER: No, he never heard about that, but it is a fact. Were the Government not doing something for Western Canada when they helped to increase the dairy products of Alberta by 60 per cent?

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: But the price has not increased, and it is the price that counts.

Hon. Mr. FORKE: When wheat is selling at 60 cents a bushel and it is impossible to get anything at all for barley, any farmer who has a few cows will try to produce butter if he can. Every time that the price for wheat has dropped to any great extent there has been a marked increase in dairy products, and it will always be so. But I can assure the honourable senator from Boissevain (Hon. Mr. Schaffner) that farmers are going into dairying because it is the only thing that will produce them any cash just now. If it is permissible to refer to a conversation with a relative, I may say that a