

The manner in which stock yards are to be constructed, maintained, equipped and operated.

Those are the only amendments.

Section 2, as amended, agreed to.

On section 3—Live stock exchange at stock yards:

Mr. PUGSLEY: Will the minister explain the practical application of this phrase:

Unless he holds a special license from the minister.

Mr. BURRELL: That is explained in some of the sections following. If there was any dispute in any stock yard between the department and the stockyard, and it was clearly shown that an injustice was being done to the stock owner or farmer sending his stock there, and there was liable to be an interruption of business, we would have the right to issue a special license in order that the business should not be interrupted in the stock yard. Such a case is not likely to turn up, but this is provided in order that the selling may go on.

Mr. NESBITT: If there was trouble in the exchange, a special license would authorize the commission merchant to go on doing business?

Mr. BURRELL: Yes.

Mr. PUGSLEY: Is it the intention that every stock yard as defined in paragraph f of section 2—

"Stock yard" means any area of land used as a public market for purchasing and selling live stock, with the buildings, fences, gates, chutes, weigh scales and other equipment situated thereon and used in connection therewith.

—can be required by the minister to have a stock exchange established in connection with it?

Mr. BURRELL: Yes. The term "stock yard" is used. There are only six stock yards in the whole of Canada.

Mr. PUGSLEY: I happen to know a place in New Brunswick in which there is an area of land where cattle are sold, so that it would come within the definition in paragraph f. It would strike the people who deal at that market as a most undesirable thing that they should be compelled to have a stock exchange in connection with it. No large operations are carried on there, but still it is a place where cattle are regularly sold, and this regulation would therefore cover it. That is not the intention?

[Mr. Burrell.]

Mr. BURRELL: No.

Mr. PUGSLEY: Then why use language which would so clearly express that?

Mr. BURRELL: I do not think it could be interpreted in that way although I quite admit that it might be, as my hon. friend states, in some people's minds. But there are in Canada only six stockyards as they are ordinarily understood in the trade.

Mr. PUGSLEY: What constitutes a stock yard?

Mr. BURRELL: That matter was gone over very carefully not with our department, but with the parliamentary counsel, and this is his wording of the whole section. A stock yard is a yard in which live stock is sold by commission men, bought by packers and butchers, and is a great centre of live stock business. There is one at Calgary, one at Edmonton, one at Winnipeg, one at Toronto and two at Montreal. They comprise the whole of the stock yards in Canada as stock yards are known amongst the live stock men of the country. There may be here and there some small places such as that to which the hon. member refers, but I do not think they would come under the ordinary term "stock yards" as used in the trade, and apparently this was satisfactory to the parliamentary committee and to the counsel. There was not the slightest intention of applying it to any place except to those recognized stock yards that I have named.

Mr. PUGSLEY: Then some language should be used which would make that clear. What is ordinarily known as a stock yard might be a very different thing from a stock yard after Parliament has given a legislative definition. The definition is not limited to these big stock yards in the cities, but it would take in every little place where ordinarily, once a week we shall say, cattle are brought in and bought and sold.

Mr. NESBITT: Are they not sold by auction at the stock yards mentioned?

Mr. PUGSLEY: Not necessarily by auction; some are private sales, and some are by auction. It is a place to which people bring their cattle on regular days, for the purpose of making sales, other people attending there to buy.

Mr. BURRELL: Is that not more in the nature of what is known as a market? It is not called a stock yard in the ordinary sense of the word.

Mr. PUGSLEY: But the minister is asking Parliament to give a definition to it. It