

sions for arranging credits for the farmer who cannot carry on, they simply scorn the idea, because they believe that something should be done to relieve them in another direction. That is why I say our people are not in any frame of mind to be satisfied when we try to pacify them with such legislation as this. They know we are not grappling with the difficulty from the angle of the monetary situation. I think the time has come when members of the Government, and members of Parliament generally, should know that this is the situation which must be faced, and faced in such a way that the people of the country will be given courage to carry on.

There has been a little talk about the consumer not benefiting under this Bill. I do not entirely agree with what has been said on either side in this regard. All legislation passed to provide for the grading of farm products, or manufactured products sold to the farmer, such as fertilizer, or to provide for raising the standard of quality, helps the farmer, for it prohibits the marketing of a product not worth sending to market. Under that legislation the consumer enjoys the benefit of knowing that when he buys he is getting value for his money. Nothing has helped the housewives throughout Canada more than the grading that has been put into force through the federal Department of Agriculture during the last ten or fifteen years. Under the legislation with reference to the grading of eggs, for instance, a farmer in the organized territory of the East must not sell an egg that is not good. If he does, it is charged back to him. The same is true of potatoes, butter and cheese. There is a thorough system of grading by Government graders, and in the case of many products the cost of the grading is charged to the product. All that work enures equally to the benefit of the consumer and of the producer. Under the clauses of this Bill relating to processing, storage and transportation, the consumer is assured that the product will reach him in proper shape, and that he is getting what he pays for.

Let me tell you what has happened in Prince Edward Island during the past few years. About ten years ago the grading of table stock potatoes was started. Within one or two years it was made compulsory, so that no person could ship potatoes without a grade certificate attached. The result is that since 1927 or 1928—I am not sure of the date—those potatoes have been commanding a premium of from ten to fifteen cents per ninety-pound bag in the markets of Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, and the intervening small

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towns. The reason is that the dealers know that no potatoes can come out of Prince Edward Island with the certificate attached unless they have first been inspected by a Government inspector. The premium that is paid on the market is willingly paid by the consumer.

I do not wish to prolong the debate, honourable gentlemen. Anything further that I have to say can be said when the Bill is considered in committee.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: The question is on the second reading of the Bill. Is it your pleasure to adopt the motion?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: On division.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE

On motion of Hon. Mr. Ballantyne, the Senate went into Committee on the Bill.

Hon. Mr. Black in the Chair.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: Honourable members, I move that the Committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I desire to draw attention to the fact that honourable members who come to this Chamber from another place are apt to be under the impression that our procedure is similar to that adopted there. I have noticed that such a step as we have just taken is in accordance with the practice which follows the reading of a public measure in the other House. Here the order is simply put down for our going into Committee of the Whole at the next sitting after the day on which second reading has been given.

Progress was reported.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.

THE SENATE

Friday, June 15, 1934.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE LATE SENATOR RANKIN

TRIBUTE TO HIS MEMORY

Before the Orders of the Day:

Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN: Honourable members, we were all saddened this morning by the news of the death of one of our number, the senator from Perth, Dr.