Inspection and Sale Act

Mr. BENNETT: This does not cover rock salt. Might it not be well to add that provision?

Mr. GARDINER: I will check that before coming back.

The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Section 15 stands?

Mr. GARDINER: I think section 15 can pass. We can check rock salt, as to whether we need any provision for it in the previous section.

Mr. BENNETT: If the minister will again look at the section, I think he will agree it does not go quite so far as it has been suggested that it should.

When bags or cartons of salt are packed in barrels or in cardboard containers, the head of the barrel, or both ends of the cardboard container, as the case may be, shall be properly and correctly marked in a plain and durable manner with the number of bags or cartons therein and with the gross weight thereof.

You cannot mark the end of a carton with "the number of bags or cartons therein." The point that the minister made in speaking of it was that the new carton which takes the place of the old barrels in larger quantities shall have marked upon it the weights, and I think he will find there are some words left out there; for obviously it is not the number of bags or cartons which are in the carton that we are concerned about; it is the weight in the carton which should be marked on each end.

Mr. DUNNING: The two sections, 14 and 15, require to be read together. They are dealing with different things.

Mr. STIRLING: These are cartons within cartons.

Mr. BENNETT: Cartons within cartons; that is the way to put it.

Mr. DUNNING: Then it is all right to carry section 15?

Mr. BENNETT: No; it should be reconstructed to cover the sale of the small carton, which now bears upon it—I was looking at one the other day—the statement of the weight. This point is not contemplated in the section at all; for it deals only with cartons within cartons.

Mr. DUNNING: The previous section deals with the individual carton.

Mr. BENNETT: Yes. Section 14 says the container shall have these marks on it. Then, "when bags or cartons of salt are packed in

barrels or in cardboard containers"—I suppose that means larger containers.

Section agreed to.

Section 16 agreed to.

On section 17-Limitation of prosecution.

Mr. BENNETT: I believe that three months will be too short a time with regard to the question "after packing or repacking," because this contemplates a possible packing taking place which may not become known to the consuming public for some considerable time. I suggested that "three" should be "six." The minister might look carefully at that. The difficulty is that as yet salt is not found in all the provinces. As a matter of fact there is, as is known, a very large deposit at Fort McMurray; but it is a long distance away and so far it has been found difficult to handle that salt as a commercial commodity. In some of our remote communities the salt could be sold, transferred and distributed and the discovery would not take place until much longer than three months. Originally, I believe, the time was thirty days; at any rate it was shorter than at present.

Mr. GARDINER: I see no objection to making that "six" months.

Mr. BENNETT: I think it would help. It does not hurt anybody.

Mr. DUNNING: I move:

That the word "three" in section 17 be struck out and "six" substituted therefor.

Amendment agreed to.

Section as amended agreed to.

On section 18—Manner of determining a bushel.

Mr. STIRLING: Why are several commodities commonly sold by the bushel, such as apples, potatoes and carrots, omitted from this clause?

Mr. GARDINER: I am quite satisfied that all of those are contained in some other legislation. This is intended to deal only with matters such as were originally in the bill entitled the Inspection and Sale Act, which is now being repealed, and which have not already been covered by other legislation.

Mr. STIRLING: The minister referred to this as being an extended list from the previous act; but it does not pick up, then, all commodities which are commonly sold by the bushel; it leaves other acts to take care of them?

Mr. GARDINER: Obviously it does not take care of them all. If the committee so desires, I shall have the section stand and