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porter British Columbia hops may be used exclusively in order to impart to the finished beverage a distinct hop-aromatic flavour and a pleasant hop-bitter taste.

I do not think it is necessary for me to dilate further on the quality of this product. We find that even with the large surplus of hops in England we have been able, owing to the high quality of the Canadian hop, to export small quantities to that market. What I wanted particularly to deal with is the serious condition in which that industry finds itself at the present time owing to the fact, not that the whole Canadian product could be consumed in Canada, but that the consumers will not purchase this product. It is quite evident that the reason is because this industry some time ago was very active in approaching the late government and also this government in regard to some protection, and in retaliation the consumers, the brewers of this country, with the exception of one, have discriminated against and carried on a boycott against the Canadian hop. One of the largest growers has been boycotted for being active along these lines since 1925, and he states:

Our company has been under boycott for many years, and nearly all of our \$500,000 investment in British Columbia remains idle for that reason. Furthermore, our losses in the past few years have totalled \$174,294 because of the boycott.

The efforts that have been made to sell not only direct to brewers but through brokers have been more or less unsuccessful. I have under my hand a letter written by a broker in the city of Toronto referring to his efforts to place some of the Canadian product with consumers in that city. He points out that owing to the effort of the growers to have an embargo placed on imported hops they refused even to look at the samples. I have represented the interests of this industry in the house, and have appealed both to the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Trade and Commerce. May I say that the industry has received great assistance from both sources. I know, however, that there was never any effort made to effect an embargo. In fact the industry is in this position: They are very fair; they do not even suggest that there should be a high tariff. They suggest only that some working agreement should be made between the consumers and the growers, and they are prepared to enter into such an agreement for a term of years. I thought that some arrangement might be made between those two bodies through the marketing board whereby the growers might receive something near the cost of production plus a fair margin of profit. They would be satisfied with that arrangement. I had hoped that there might be some organization through which it might be possible to bring the consumers and growers together, and it is my hope that the board, when set up, may have that power.

As we are approaching the end of the session I shall not take further time but should like to take this opportunity to congratulate the minister upon his efforts to assist the mixed farmers of Canada. I could not for one moment support the amendment, because when we compare the conditions in Canada with those of other countries we must feel fortunate that we are living here. I wish briefly again to thank the Department of Trade and Commerce and the Department of Agriculture for their efforts in helping to market the products of British Columbia.

The house divided on the amendment (Miss Macphail) which was negatived on the following division:

# YEAS

#### Messrs:

Ahearn, Boulanger, Brown, Coote, Donnelly, Gardiner, Garland (Bow River), Hanson (Skeena), MacInnis. Macphail, Miss, Mitchell, Motherwell, Reid, Rhéaume, Spencer, Weir (Macdonald), Woodsworth.--17.

# NAYS

## Messrs:

Anderson (Toronto-High Park), Baribeau, Barrette. Beaubier, Belec, Bourgeois, Bowman, Bury, Cahan, Chaplin, Davies, Dickie, Duguay Duranleau, Esling, Gagnon, Gobeil, Gordon, Hay, Johnstone, Larue, LaVergne, MacNicol, McGregor. Manion,

Moore (Chateauguay-Huntingdon), Peck, Pickel, Porteous, Shaver, Simpson (Simcoe North), Spankie, Spence, Sproule, Stevens, Stewart (Leeds) Stewart (Lethbridge), Stirling, Stitt (Selkirk). Sutherland, Tétreault, Thompson (Simcoe East), Weese, Weir (Melfort) White (Mount Royal), Willis. Wright.-47.