

and hams from all sources into the United Kingdom, provision will be made for free entry of Canadian bacon and hams of good quality up to a maximum of 2,500,000 hundredweight per annum.

Is there a single commitment in that article, Mr. Speaker, which obligates His Majesty's government in the United Kingdom to increase the purchase of Canadian bacon and ham? This provision is surrounded by ifs and whens and hows, and in any event nothing can be done until the report of this commission is brought in. I want to make this prediction, that if in course of time the export of Canadian bacon and ham should reach the figure mentioned in article 6, the farmers all over this dominion will go into hog raising on a large scale, and instead of increasing the price of hogs the price will decrease. The price is \$3.75 now, and it may go even lower. There is another feature entering into the matter as well. The farmer will have nothing to say with regard to the price received for bacon in the English market. The huge packing monopoly of this country will control the price; they will not only increase their business but will milk the farmers who raise the hogs which they buy. So if this article is viewed reasonably and carefully the conclusion must be reached that there is nothing in it for the farmers.

Now I want to come to another important article, that dealing with eggs, poultry, butter, cheese and other milk products. I will not read article I, but at the end of that article I find these words:

... set forth in schedule A appended hereto.

Schedule A appears on page 53 of the supplementary report of the conference, and reads as follows:

As regards eggs, poultry, butter, cheese and other milk products, free entry for Canadian produce will be continued for three years certain. His Majesty's government in the United Kingdom, however, reserve to themselves the right, after the expiration of the three years, if they consider it necessary in the interests of the United Kingdom producer to do so, to review the basis of preference so far as relates to the articles above enumerated and, after notifying His Majesty's government in Canada either to impose a preferential duty on Canadian produce whilst maintaining preferential margins, or in consultation with the Canadian government to bring such produce within any system which may be put into operation for the quantitative regulation of supplies from all sources in the United Kingdom market.

My interpretation may not be correct, Mr. Speaker, but as I read that article to me it means that for three years these products will

go into the United Kingdom market free of duty, but there is no undertaking that this arrangement will be continued for more than three years. I have some knowledge of rural life in England, not from practical experience but from personal observation, and I want to tell you what may happen. There is a movement in Great Britain now to increase the production of farm products, not only in England but in Scotland as well. In those countries they have tens of thousands of acres which the Lord never intended should be used as they have been used during the last hundred years. That land was put there to be cultivated, and I think this movement in England will bring about this result, that the British farmers will be able to almost, if not entirely, meet the requirements of their home market. So from this resolution I take it that they have made up their minds—rightly and justly so,—that they can feed themselves without depending on the products of other countries. That may not be true with regard to wheat, but certainly it may come true with regard to poultry, butter and eggs and dairy products. Then what will happen? Three years from now this market that has been secured under this treaty will be wiped out, and if the Prime Minister and his supporters have their way—

Mr. EDWARDS: They will.

Mr. SANDERSON They will have their way in forcing these agreements through this parliament, but as soon as the people get a chance to say whether or not they want them to continue in power, this government will be out. As I see it, this will be the result: where will the farmers of this country find another market? The right hon. Prime Minister says he wants tribute from all other countries; he does not want to deal with them. I will come back to that question of tribute in a moment. The result will be that in three years this market will be closed and, owing to the stupidity of this government, the Canadian farmer will have no markets at all.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): That is the fix he is in now.

Mr. SANDERSON: My hon. friend from Edmonton says that is the fix he is in now.

Just for a moment I want to digress. This government, led by the superman, the right hon. the Prime Minister—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

Mr. SANDERSON: Hon. gentlemen are applauding only to keep their courage up,