

Mr. DUNNING: Does my hon. friend mean to say that there is in Toronto a plant employing over one hundred men manufacturing for fur-bearing animals this feed other than biscuits?

Mr. MacNICOL: I said that there is a plant on Keating street, Toronto, employing one hundred and fifty to two hundred men, handling carcasses of horses, grinding them up. I am not sure what they do with them, but a lot of this offal material is sold to farmers raising fur-bearing animals.

Mr. TUSTIN: Regarding the next item, cereal meal, I understand there is a great deal of dry bread brought in from the United States. Is dry bread included under this cereal meal as it is baked or ground?

Mr. DUNNING: In the amendment we have got away from the term "Cereal meal," because of complications of that kind. I shall read that part again:

Feeds consisting wholly or in part of cereals, but not including baked biscuits.

Practically the only thing excluded is baked biscuits, because it would be quite impossible to administer that in relation to other biscuit items, so biscuits are excluded. But any other form of feed for fur-bearing animals is included.

Mr. TUSTIN: I take it, then, that dry bread is allowed to come in free of duty for fur-bearing animals?

Mr. DUNNING: Yes.

Mr. BENNETT: This, it seems to me, is an item which may be of very great importance in Canada. If we get into the habit of discontinuing domestic production of feeds for any of our fur-bearing animals we are going to find ourselves in the position where, if the supply is cut off, we shall be in difficulty. There are in this country enough horses which are no longer useful to take care of that. But what I do object to is the provision in respect of cereals. It is always a matter of great concern to think that we are going to rely upon a preparation of food produced in a foreign country, and after we have completely exhausted our own supply by reason of competition, find that the price becomes immediately increased. I do not know that that is going to happen in this particular case, but I do know that this is of a class of items which has created a great deal of anxiety on the part of those responsible for tariffs. It would seem to be a most admirable thing to say to the fox farmers of Prince Edward

Island, and the residents of that province who were so generous as to return the minister to parliament. It would be very, very wrong if that province were without reward for its efforts in that regard.

An hon. MEMBER: What about Nova Scotia?

Mr. BENNETT: Nova Scotia took no part in that. I know of one or two cases in which we have made just such concessions as these, and we found that the last state was worse than the first because local production was driven out by reason of competition from abroad under the free list. But if the minister states that the fox farmers now have to buy this feed from the United States, that gives the item a different significance in one province. However it does not overcome the difficulty in Ontario, for instance, which raises a substantial quantity of fur bearing animals on fur farms scattered throughout the province.

Mr. DUNNING: The fears of my right hon. friend I believe are not well founded. After a careful examination I find that while it is true that the province which I have the honour to represent produces the finest foxes in the dominion—

Mr. BENNETT: And the finest oats and wheat, I suppose.

Mr. DUNNING: —and is the province in which the commercial development of the industry was first commenced, it is also true that Prince Edward Island foxes are now found practically from coast to coast and are used for foundation stock for an industry growing almost in all parts of Canada, and nowhere more than in the middle west where it has been found that in some areas at any rate the climate is eminently suitable for the development of the industry. I am convinced that the fear which my right hon. friend has expressed as to the effect upon manufacturers of this material located in other parts of Canada will not be realized, because the prime factor with respect to ingredients of this kind is that of the freight. It is really an offal article, with the exception of a small inclusion of cereal meal, and that sort of thing. For instance, no imported article could possibly pay the freight and compete in the northern Ontario fox farms with the article which could be produced at certain of our Ontario abattoirs. The same is true across the country, with the possible exception of parts of northern coastal British Columbia and all three maritime provinces which at the present time, despite tariffs, find it more