

Mr. MOTHERWELL: No, the hon. member is mistaken. These are institutions of a smaller nature. This \$50,000 would take care of several of them.

Mr. PARENT: In addition to the questions which have already been asked I would like to know whether the minister has received representations from the Quebec Harbour Commission with regard to the establishment of a cold storage in that city. I understood from the representations made by these gentlemen that they would have liked to have a cold storage plant under the Quebec harbour board, and for reasons which have not been considered convincing up to date, the department has refused to amend the law so as to include a cold storage in Quebec city, under the supervision of the Quebec Harbour Commission. I would like to know if representations have been made to the minister, and the reasons he has to give for the refusal to give them favourable consideration.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Such representations were made to myself and my deputy, and it looked as if the Quebec harbour board desired to put up a cold storage plant. They have a precedent in the case of Montreal, where they went direct to the government and got a vote of several million dollars for the purpose of putting up a cold storage plant in the harbour of Montreal. To take advantage of this little act to construct the cold storage under the auspices of the Quebec harbour board I am afraid would be going beyond the intentions of the act. I do not think, if I remember rightly, that we turned the deputation down flatly. We seldom do that. I did not know but that the government would come down in the supplementary estimates with several million dollars for cold storage and we might be able to accede to this request, but with only \$50,000 available, and with the precedent of the Montreal harbour board constructing a cold storage plant, I did not think I was able to hold out any hope to the Quebec harbour board that they could build a cold storage plant out of this vote.

Mr. THOMPSON: Does this resolution apply to the cooling of cheese in cheese factories and cold storages for cheese factories? A great many factories now are equipped with a cheese cooling room. Does this apply to factories where they wish to establish a cheese cooling room?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Yes, that is one of the purposes in mind. I think in the hon. member's locality there are sufficient cold storages to take care of that business. However, if the co-operative institutions think differently,

I think the Hon. Manning Doherty has a proposition in mind for the purpose of co-operatively marketing cheese products? If he carries out his scheme, and there is a proposition for constructing cold storage plants under it, this provision will apply. So far as I know the situation at present under the Dairy Produce Act, I think there are sufficient cold storages in these centres to take care of the curing of the cheese which my hon. friend describes. It is quite possible this act may be invoked in other parts of Canada for the purpose he describes, in which case it will apply.

Mr. THOMPSON: There seems to be a disposition on the part of the government to centralize co-operative societies in the large cities. This storage I speak of is in the city of Belleville, and the cheese factories are scattered all over the country. A cold storage operated in the city is of no benefit to the dairymen. What they want is cold storage in connection with their cheese factories. They have managed their own business, and by having the cold storage in connection with the factory they can hold their cheese and sell it at whatever time they think best, and I am very sorry to say that this does not apply, and is of no benefit, to the dairymen of central Ontario. I wish to inform the minister that these people have unanimously turned down the Hon. Manning Doherty's project. They have no use whatever for it. They feel that they want to use their own brains and intelligence in conducting their business affairs, and they would very much prefer to do so. On behalf of the dairymen, I wish to urge that this should apply to cheese factories, not to the central cold storage, which is owned by a private individual, because it would be a great inconvenience and expense to ship the cheese to those central points. In the first place the rate would be a quarter of a cent per pound on the cheese, and it costs the dairymen hundreds of thousands of dollars a year to carry out the ideas expressed by the hon. minister. On behalf of the dairymen of my district I want to protest against it.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Well, Mr. Chairman, if we had abundance of money and the cheese factories were of a reasonable size, which they are not, it would be very nice to have a cold storage plant of some kind, or even a cooling plant, even if it were only by the use of ice, and not mechanical power at all, in each individual factory, but to burden the different cheese factories with a cold storage proposition such as this would ruin them, instead of helping them. The time may come when we will have large creameries